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Please provide any comments.

I have reviewed the Long-Term Plan proposal and write to express concern about two issues in particular.

First, I have concerns about the bottling of Canterbury water and the lack of mechanisms for charging for water and allowing external corporations to benefit from permits to take water for their own monetary benefit (with no returns for New Zealand). Your operational support manager stated in December 2017 that "It's not our role to make a judgment on the merits of the purpose for which the water is sought" but I suggest that this is something that should be seriously considered, especially in an increasingly destabilised global environment with climate change and resource scarcity.

I also express concern that the education of people about hazards and emergency preparation is lacking when it comes to international students studying in Canterbury. International students may be told about basic procedures such as 'stop, drop, and hold' at their place of study, but they are unlikely to be informed about other emergency procedures and advice. These include needing to have three days' worth of food, water, and supplies, and needing to seek higher ground if they experience an earthquake lasting more than a minute and live in a tsunami zone. International students are less likely to use the forms of social media and traditional media that locals use to stay informed (for example, some are accustomed to different websites and applications that are popular in their home country and do not switch even after moving to New Zealand). They are unlikely to be aware of the Emergency Mobile Alert system. These circumstances need to be taken into consideration in Civil Defence's communication plan and their use of various channels to reach residents in the Canterbury region. The example of the coastal community being stranded after the Kaikoura Earthquake shows there is still a lack of clear procedures.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.