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My submission concerns the approach that ECAN has taken, and may take yet to consenting the drawing of bottling water in the Canterbury regions for export.

I ask ECAN to no longer give consents for drawing and bottling fresh water in the built up and also rural areas - either pastoral, or horticultural or rural- industrial.

Bottled water for export depicts mountains and bush, and conscious consumers might reassure themselves that this is where the water comes from. It is false advertising, misleading overseas consumers when the aquifers of towns, farms, and industrial areas is used as the source.

Whilst I acknowledge that Canterbury has a wonderful resource of water that can under certain conditions of sourcing be shared with other countries, my view is that water becomes a resource that needs careful allocation for urban and rural users. The major towns and the city of Christchurch will continue to grow in their needs of residential water, and also water for industry and commercial use.

The role of ECAN, I see as to wisely debate the rights of individuals and companies to an ever diminishing share of what water is available.

ECAN must educate and encourage people not to waste water, and must produce excellent forecasts of water needs in the coming decades.

The recent continuing of a water consent to a Christchurch water-bottling firm on the basis of the previous resource consent given to that site, for a different industrial purpose, highlighted a lamentable flabby ineffectiveness on the part of ECAN.

ECAN is trusted, or should want to be trusted, not to let those types of situation arise. To not act in order to make, adapt and shape rules and guidelines to protect the water of present and future citizens of New Zealand is lame and deeply alarming of ECAN.

I did not see any specific plan to address this in the Long-Term Plan so my submission is that specific planning is put in to the LTP that contains some resolve, some budgeting, some policy.

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