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Submission LTP 2018 – 2028

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To Environment Canterbury,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the LTP.

1. Freshwater Management

The Regional Council is responsible for facilitating sustainable development. Disagree. Regional Council priorities should focus on freshwater management, maintenance and protection of indigenous biodiversity and the protection of outstanding natural landscapes (ONLs).

2. Indigenous Biodiversity

Agree with a step change in effort to halt the decline and restore the natural character of degraded indigenous habitats and ecosystems. There has been a rapid and serious loss of indigenous biodiversity in the last 20 yrs in the Mackenzie. At least **81 species** have been classified as threatened or at risk from the basin floor habitats alone. So much indigenous biodiversity has been destroyed by irrigation and intensive agricultural development in the Mackenzie, that what remains is significant and of national importance.

The Guardians support Objective 9.2.1 of the CRPS that seeks to halt the decline in the quality and quantity of Canterbury's ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity and support the policies to implement this objective. The overall functioning and intrinsic values of Canterbury's **existing** ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity should be protected from the adverse effects of land use and development activities. We agree with the 'no net loss' principle to ensure indigenous biodiversity protection at both the district level and the regional scale. No irrigation consents should be granted without a full and independent survey of the indigenous ecological values present, and with the consideration of District plan rules around land use activities.

Landscapes

The Consultation document is silent on landscape protection yet Environment Canterbury revised the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement in February 2017, Chapter 12 – Landscape. The CRPS emphasises the protection of outstanding natural features and landscapes as a matter of national importance. Mackenzie Guardians support the objectives and policies in the CRPS and request the Council do more within the various planning processes to better protect Canterbury's ONLS. The Mackenzie Basin ONL is at serious risk of losing its ONL status as a result of fragmented, piecemeal development. The Regional Council has failed to align with other agencies to better achieve landscape and environmental outcomes for the Mackenzie.

The Guardians wish to be heard in support of this submission.

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