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Sent: Monday, 26 March 2018 11:58 a.m.
To: Mailroom Mailbox
Subject: LTP Submission

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Hello Hayley

This email came in through our Customer Services email regarding wanting to be heard.

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From: Goodrich John
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To: ECInfo; Mailbox Customer Services
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Make Submission

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Whole Plan Support/Oppose	

Please select one of the following: I generally agree with the activity proposed for the Long-Term Plan.

Whole Plan Comments

Please provide any comments.

The Summit Road Society was formed in 1948 to further the vision of Harry Ell for the preservation of the Port Hills and the provision of public access. The Society's mission statement is "Working to enhance, preserve and protect the natural environment, beauty and open character of the Port Hills of Banks Peninsula for people to enjoy".

The Society's goals are:

- 1 To help preserve and enhance the native forest, shrublands and tussock grasslands and associate fauna
- 2 To develop and maintain tracks and other amenities
- 3 To seek to minimise residential encroachment and the erection of intruding structures
- 4 To encourage protection by purchase or other means to develop parks and reserves for public benefit
- 5 To promote pride in the Port Hills and Summit Road and provide informational services and educational activities
- 6 To promote integrated management and inter-agency collaboration for the Port Hills and Banks Peninsula

The Society's primary focus is Christchurch's Port Hills. We own two areas of land, Ohinetahi Bush Reserve above Governors Bay, and Omaha Bush and the area around Gibraltar Rock in the Selwyn district. Both areas are subject to QEII National Trust open space covenants. These reserves are managed by Society volunteers who have an ongoing programme of track maintenance and the control of plant and animal pests, with a view to improving biodiversity and enhancing the experience of visitors.

We support Environment Canterbury's vision to bring about a step change in efforts to halt the decline and restore the natural character of degraded indigenous habitats and ecosystems.

The Summit Road Society's priorities include:

- 1 Working to restore the indigenous biodiversity in flora in our reserves Ohinetahi, Omaha and Gibraltar Rock through native tree planting and weed control and to support similar efforts throughout the Port Hills and Banks Peninsula.
- 2 Working to restore the indigenous biodiversity in fauna through creating habitats and controlling predators and pests on our reserves and the wider Port Hills and supporting similar efforts throughout Banks Peninsula.

We congratulate ECAN for including the Port Hills as an integral part of Banks Peninsula and for stating that an investment in pest control has a public benefit. We see the inclusion of the Port Hills as having a significant cultural and economic benefit to all of Canterbury.

The eradication of pests and predators on Banks Peninsula including Port Hills requires a considerable investment in time and money and a collaborative approach between central and local government, iwi, community groups and landowners. To this end, the Society launched an initiative for a Predator Free Port Hills [PFPH] in November 2016. PFPH's mission statement calls for saturation coverage of traps to seek to effectively eradicate possums, mustelids and rats from the urban fringes of the Port Hills. We define this as having traps in an average of 1 in 5 residences after five years.

The emphasis is on urban properties – backyard trapping. This has the advantage of engaging communities without the high financial and labour costs of trapping in rural areas and national parks. To achieve this we are recruiting coordinators from every suburb. These are the residents with local knowledge and contacts. The Society has distributed 320 traps to urban households so far and there are a further 130 community traps under the umbrella of PFPH. This project has the potential to make a real and meaningful difference in predator numbers on the urban fringe of the Port Hills.

In addition the Society has active trapping programs within our own reserves, focusing on possums, mustelids and rats. The Port Hills have high densities of predators and when predator-free will act as a buffer preventing re-infestation of rural Banks Peninsula. We also have significant issues with deer, pigs and goats in our Omaha reserve. Ultimately we would like to see deer fencing throughout the Port Hills and wider Banks Peninsula.

We have been involved in the development of the draft Memorandum of Understanding of the Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Port Hills Partnership and support a collaborative approach to eradicating pests and predators on the Port Hills and Banks Peninsula.

In terms of the ECAN'S biodiversity and biosecurity programme:

- 1 We support a continuation of the current Biodiversity Funding, a fund for projects focused on the creation, enhancement and protection of biodiversity and would urge additional funding into this critical area.
- 2 We support a sustainable and sufficient revenue stream to fund the pest and predator control efforts needed to achieve the goal of Predator Free 2050. We believe that consolidating the various targeted rates for Pest Control across Banks Peninsula into a single targeted rate is a sensible strategy. We also favour the proposed rating approach of 50% general rate contribution and 50% targeted rate. The 50% general rate contribution acknowledges the wider public good of a Pest Free Banks Peninsula.
- 3 We support the expansion of the Banks Peninsula Community Initiative to cover a wider number of properties (including the Port Hills) and a greater range of pests.
- 4 We support combining the 11 existing Pest Liaison Committees into four Pest Area Committees. We believe that this will improve co-ordination and enable a more integrated approach to pest and predator management.
- 5 We support the proposal to develop a community partnership aimed at enhancing biodiversity on Banks Peninsula and the associated funding necessary to achieve this.

- 6 We support the Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Port Hills Partnership's request for financial support to develop an overarching strategy and collaborative work programme. It is clear that a collaborative approach to pest and predator approach will achieve better results and will cost less money overall than a series of uncoordinated projects. A relevant example for us is deer at Omahu. Deer is not just a problem at Omahu but much of the Port Hills and wider Banks Peninsula and no group can hope to address this issue in isolation. We need both a collaborative and co-ordinated approach and sufficient funding and resources to successfully eradicate deer.
- 7 We would highlight the Predator Free Port Hills project as an example of a community-based programme that is already achieving results and has the potential to make a significant difference with the right infrastructure and support. At the moment we are reliant on donations and contestable grants with the associated uncertainty in funding. A yearly grant of even \$20,000 would ensure the continued growth of this project and achieve the saturation of traps needed.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Long Term Plan.