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Whole Plan Support/Oppose	
Please select one of the following:	I generally disagree with the activity proposed for the Long-Term Plan.

Whole Plan Comments

Please provide any comments.

I would like to see ECAN to take a greater focus on the 'E' in ECAN, the environment.

I would like more priority focused overall towards biodiversity and protecting rivers.

I feel saddened when coming back to Canterbury and seeing what was dry paddocks bounded by flowing rivers turned into green pasture, no or polluted water in the rivers and sometimes even the river bed has been converted into pasture! This has been allowed by ECan permitting vast numbers of water permits. I am saddened that this practice continues to occur, for example the recent water permits given in the MacKenzie Basin. I would like to see a stop to all future water takes, especially in sensitive rural areas and I would like to see the long term phasing out of water permits which allow dairying for the Canterbury Plans, for example this could start by decreasing/stopping the amount taken when river flow is low, or prohibiting irrigating in the full sun when evaporation occurs.

I would also like more work and monies allocated towards protecting waterways, swamps (3% is far too little) and other areas of natural significance. Other regional councils have done some amazing work at looking after the environment and it would be pleasing to see Canterbury do something similar, i.e. the gulls nesting in the Ashburton river nested twice and did not have a successful breeding season, banded dottrels in the Ashley river, Kaikoura area were unsuccessful (the list goes on) - wildlife

is seriously struggling in the Canterbury region and it would be great if monies and attention could be focused on these such areas.

Air quality - the earthquakes have removed most people's chimneys which is a great thing for air pollution. I still see rural "burn off" occurring, does this not create air pollution? Be good if air pollution addressed both rural and urban practices.

Wilding pines - I have helped remove wilding pines at as part of Ecan volunteer days, but for areas where I have assisted in the removal of wilding pines to be converted from tussock grasslands (with pines which have been removed) to green pasture, has put me off helping in the future. I feel like Ecan has a real lack at protecting and promoting the unique Canterbury environment.

Bus - all busses need to go through one central hub (the bus exchange). I used to catch the bus to work but now it is too difficult as have to change buses (outside the exchange).