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Sent: Tuesday, 27 March 2018 4:37 p.m.
To: Mailroom Mailbox
Subject: attention: Hayley Kubiak, LTP submission,
Attachments: SPR-TUA-GW-18032613180.pdf.docx

Hi Hayley,

Please find enclosed our submission to the Long Term Plan. I converted the submission form to WORD, hope that's okay. Otherwise I can resend it as an informal submission.

Thank you and kind regards,

Maria

Long-Term Plan 2018-28

Environment Canterbury

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Regional Council Feedback form Kaunihera Taiao ki Waitaha

Puka urupare

Environment Canterbury is the regional council for this magnificent region. We need your input to ensure our Long-Term Plan will deliver the outcomes the community wants.

The Long-Term Plan 2018-28 outlines the framework for the types of activities we will undertake from July 2018. It also details the measures that we have put against these activities, and the corresponding financial information, policies and strategies.

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Feedback closes at 5pm on Monday 26 March, 2018.

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You may send your feedback:

By mail (no stamp required): Freepost 1201, Environment Canterbury, PO Box 345, CHRISTCHURCH 8140. online: Use the online form provided on our website www.ecan.govt.nz/haveyoursay. Please follow the online instructions provided.

By email: mailroom@ecan.govt.nz. Ensure your full name and address is included.

Use this form to tell us what you think

By providing feedback you agree that Environment Canterbury may use, and may publish, that feedback, including your name and the contact details you provide.

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Your organisation and role in it (if applicable)

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Signature

Date **27 Mar. 18**

(If you wish to meet with Councillors to discuss your submission please also complete Q12.)

The work of Environment Canterbury is reported on under six portfolios as outlined in the draft Long-Term Plan document. Our website outlines many of the areas we work in, in more detail. On this form you are asked for feedback on the activity planned under each portfolio as well as on the entire plan and specifically on the Public Transport options. In the comments section under each portfolio, please tell us what you support/don't support about the planned activity, and if there is anything you would like to see more or less of.

Please view our short Consultation Document and full Long-Term Plan supplementary document on www.ecan.govt.nz.

1. whole Plan

Support/Oppose

Please select one of the following: (please select one answer)

I generally agree with the activity proposed for the Long-Term Plan.

I generally disagree with the activity proposed for the Long-Term Plan.

Comments:

See below

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2. Public Transport Options

Public Transport is one of the programmes in the Transport and Urban Development portfolio. For the first year of the LongTerm Plan 2018-28 we are proposing changes to the Public Transport programme as outlined in the Consultation Document.

(on page 74)

"10 make comment on the Public Transport proposed changes please complete the selection panel below. To make comment on the the whole Transport and Urban Development portfolio, please go to Q7.

Options

Please review the options in the Consultation Document and indicate which option you support: (please select one answer)

Option 1 - A combination of routes, fares and (targeted) rates changes: small fare and rates increases, reduced Total Mobility subsidy and six routes discontinued.

Option 2 - As Option 1 but larger rates increase, no fare increase: larger (targeted) rates increase, no fare increase, reduced Total Mobility subsidy and six routes discontinued.

Option 3 - As Option 1 but larger fare increase, smaller (targeted) rates increase: minimal rates increase, larger fare increase, reduced Total Mobility subsidy and six routes discontinued.

Option 4 - none of the above. (Please provide comment/ideas for an alternative solution)

Comments:

3. Freshwater Management

See page 6 of the Consultation Document.

Support/Oppose

Please select one of the following: (please select one answer)

I generally agree with the activity proposed for Freshwater Management.

I generally disagree with the activity proposed for Freshwater Management.

Comments:

Canterbury has seen an enormous intensification of farming. As a result, our waterways are suffering immensely and our drinking water is contaminated with E-coli and/or other pollutants like nitrates;- all detrimental to human health. We would like to see in ECan's Long Term Plan for 2018-2028 a stop of all farming intensification (e.g. conversions to dairy farming and conversions to intensive beef and sheep operations with centre pivot irrigation). ECan needs to oppose the planned new central water storage schemes in Canterbury, like the Hurunui Water Project,- because more central water storage schemes will lead to more intensification of farming,- because there is already an over-allocation of water in this area,- and because the public is already suffering under existing conditions (drinking water is unsafe to drink, swimming in rivers and streams has become a health risk, fishing is reduced and other recreational activities in and around water ways are not safe or possible anymore).

Secondly, ECan needs to work on a common definition of "Good Management Practices" and publicise those. There needs to be considerably more effort in reducing N and P loss and nutrient-dense run-off from farms. More than the two proposed Land Management Advisors are needed "to support farmers in the uptake of Good Management Practices to enable the delivery of the CWMS nutrient management targets". These advisors need to have up-to-date scientific knowledge of fresh water management, soils and sustainable farming. Environmental knowledge and protection should be their Number 1 priority. Certain regulations for intensive farming operations (depending on farm size, stock numbers, soil type and climate) need to become mandatory: cow/ stock numbers might have to be reduced or wintering barns might have to put in to reduce pugging and nutrient run-off, effluent storage tanks will have to be upgraded to make use of the methane gas (a powerful greenhouse emission) instead of it going into the atmosphere. It should be mandatory like in Europe to allow effluent only be brought out on the farm in the growing season (not in the winter) when plants are able to take up and make use of the nutrients. Another measure would be for streams and waterways to be fenced and planted with suitable plants to take up nutrients, vary the flow, shade the stream and create a habitat for a variety of species.

Lastly, ECan's LTP is proposing "an increased focus on data across all portfolios (...). This data management and monitoring is key to measuring progress and being able to respond to change."

We disagree. While data gathering is good and necessary, it is very urgent now to put measures into action. At Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere (as around Lake Taupo in the North Island) farmers have to adhere to strict management measures to reduce their N loss by 30% by 2022. While this is not even enough and not soon enough, in other areas farmers do not have to adhere to any mandatory nutrient targets.

Canterbury's Ararira-LII river is one of five catchments included in the Fonterra/DOC Living Water partnership. Phillip Musson who runs a dairy farm in that area and reduced his farm N run-off from 80kg/ha to 4 kg/ha proves that it is possible to reduce the Nitrogen loss much further. He also shows the it is possible to farm sustainably and still make a profit.

4. Biodiversity and Biosecurity

See page 8 of the Consultation Document.

Support/Oppose

Please select one of the following: (please select one answer)

I generally agree with the activity proposed for Biodiversity and Biosecurity.

I generally disagree with the activity proposed for Biodiversity and Biosecurity. X

Comments:

**We would like to see Ecan put into the LTP:
Mandatory mitigation for conversions from traditionally farmed sheep and beef farms to intensive dairying or intensive beef or dairy cow grazing on feed lots with centre pivot irrigation. For centre pivot irrigation usually all the hedges get taken out. It needs to be mandatory to mitigate the loss of habitat for insects and birds by replanting other areas in natives and/or creating wetlands for biodiversity. Also, plantings along streams and waterways and fencing off those areas need to be made mandatory. Sediment run-off when converting and when cultivating land needs to be monitored and minimised because the fine particles can choke streams and lead to loss of habitat for insects and fish.**

5. Hazards, Risk and Resilience

See page 10 of the Consultation Document.

Support/Oppose

Please select one of the following: (please select one answer)

I generally agree with the activity proposed for Hazards, Risk and Resilience.

I generally disagree with the activity proposed for Hazards, Risk and Resilience.

Comments:

6. Air Quality

See page 12 of the Consultation Document.

Support/Oppose

Please select one of the following:
(please select one answer) I generally
agree with the activity proposed for Air
Quality.

I generally disagree with the activity proposed for Air Quality.

Comments:

7. Transport and Urban Development

See page 13 of the Consultation Document.

Support/Oppose

Please select one of the following: (please select one answer)

I generally agree with the activity proposed for Transport and Urban Development.
I generally disagree with the activity proposed for Transport and Urban Development.

Comments:

8. Regional Leadership

See page 5 of the Consultation Document.

Support/Oppose

Please select one of the following: (please select one answer)

I generally agree with the activity proposed for Regional Leadership.

I generally disagree with the activity proposed for Regional Leadership.

Comments:

9. Revenue and Financing Policy

See page 76 of the Consultation Document.

Support/Oppose

Please select one of the following: (please select one answer) I generally agree with the principles outlined in the Revenue and Financing Policy. I generally disagree with principles outlined in the Revenue and Financing Policy.

Comments:

10. Rates

See page 16 of the Consultation Document.

Support/Oppose

Please select one of the following: (please select one answer)

I support the proposed total rates revenue increase of 4-5% for 2018/19.

I do not support the proposed total rates revenue increase of 4-5% for 2018/19.

Comments:

11. Supporting Policies and Strategies

Comments on any other policies or strategies in the full draft Long-Term Plan 2018-28 (see www.ecan.govt.nz).

Comments:

12. Meeting with Councillors to discuss this feedback on the proposed Long-Term Plan (please select one):

- I would like to meet with Councillors in Christchurch X**
- I would like to meet with
- Councillors in Timaru I do not wish to meet with Councillors

13. Citizens' Panel

In 2078 we will be setting up a 'citizens' panel'. This will enable us to ask for input during the year from a cross section of the community. If you would be willing to be contacted about being part of the panel, please tick the box and provide your email address. Ticking the box now will not commit you to being on the panel.

Please select one of the following:

I am willing to be contacted. X

I do not wish to be contacted. | |

Please write your email address: **malu@amuri.net**

Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback on the draft Long-Term Plan 2018-28.

If you have indicated that you would like to meet with Councillors, please ensure you have given us your contact email and/or phone number. We will be in touch after submissions close on 26 March.

Deliberations take place from 26 March with the final Long-Term Plan 2078-28 being adopted by Council on 21 June 2078.

(If you haven't already please ensure you also have your say on the Long-Term Plan for your local District or City Council).

