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Submission to ECAN on the Long Term Plan 2018 - 2028

My name is Susanne and I am passionate about the environment and Māori culture and practices.

As I share a great love for Christchurch, Banks Peninsula and the broader Canterbury area I would love to comment on your Long Term Plan for Canterbury.

I'm pleased to see that there are concerns and thoughts about the freshwater supply.

I would love to see ECAN supporting sustainable land-based practices in terms of waste water and greywater as well.

A strategy for implementing composting toilet solutions for public spaces as well as private households is necessary within the next ten years for many reasons.

In my point of view it should be made easier for private people to get consent and approval by ECAN and local councils to integrate composting toilets in buildings.

By doing this we can encourage environmental tourism, solve problems with freedomcampers as well as being prepared for natural desasters like earthquakes.

Implementing composting toiltets first and foremost supports us in taking care of our water – both rivers and the ocean.

Secondly it supports us to build up soil – as we are losing fertile soil globally 30 times faster than we build it up.

Furthermore those composting toilet solutions can be created, seen and operated in a way that engages the community. By doing this we can create an educational impact and raise awareness about natural cycles.

This will help to adress the challenges of climate change that we are facing now.

The basis and overarching framework for setting up those solutions should be co-created according to our local culture – Tikanga Māori.

Canterbury could well be a world leading example for this.

I would love to speak to the Council about those solutions.

Ngā mihi

Susanne