

CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL
Kaunihera Taiao ki Waitaha

AGENDA|2018

COUNCIL

Wednesday 23 May 2018

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Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber,
200 Tuam Street, Christchurch

Council

Membership

Chair	Steve Lowndes
Deputy Chair	Peter Scott
Membership	David Caygill, Iaeen Cranwell, Rod Cullinane, Elizabeth Cunningham, Tom Lambie, Claire McKay, Lan Pham, Dr Cynthia Roberts, Peter Skelton, John Sunckell

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Minutes of 484th meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council held in the Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Monday 30 April 2018 at 9.00 am

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Present

Chair Steve Lowndes, Deputy Chair Peter Scott, Councillors David Caygill, Iaeen Cranwell, Rod Cullinane, Elizabeth Cunningham, Lan Pham, Dr Cynthia Roberts, and John Sunckell

Management and officers present

Bill Bayfield (Chief Executive), Miles McConway (Director Finance & Corporate Services), Nadeine Dommissie (Chief Operating Officer), Katherine Trought (Director Strategy & Planning), Katherine Harbrow (Chief Financial Officer), Sam Elder (Programme Manager), Stewart Gibbon (Senior Manager Public Transport), Caroline Hart (Programme Manager), David Perenara-O'Connell (Programme Manager), Cecilia Ellis (Senior Strategy Advisor) Cindy Butt (Team Leader Governance) and Louise McDonald (Committee Advisor)

Other staff were also in attendance.

Welcome

Cr Lowndes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Opening karakia

Cr Cranwell opened the meeting with a karakia,

2. Apologies

Monday 30 April
Crs Lambie, McKay, Skelton
for lateness Cr Scott

3. Conflicts of interest

During the hearing the following interests were declared:

Cr Pham - Submission 754 Working Waters Trust
Cr Roberts – Submission 583 Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust
Cr Cranwell – Submission 714 Wairewa Runanga Inc
Cr Lambie – Submission 158 Federated Farmers
Cr Sunckell – Submission 158 Federated Farmers

4. Matters for Council Decision

4.1 Hearing of Submission to the Long-Term Plan 2018-2028 (LTP)

Refer to pages 7 to 86 of the agenda.

An additional late submission was tabled from the Hurunui Youth Council (late submission number 16).

Resolved

That the Council:

- 1. receives the hearing of the submission to the Long-Term Plan 2018-2028 report.**
- 2. Accepts the late submissions to the Long-Term Plan 2018-2028, including the submission from the Hurunui Youth Council.**
- 3. Accepts the public transport submissions made to the regional Land Transport Plan.**

Cr Pham / Cr Roberts
CARRIED

Submission No. 1 – 350.org Christchurch

Charles Drace on behalf of 350.org Christchurch spoke to with a video that illustrated international examples of the results of global warming that included melting ice, arctic sea level rise, drought, fires and water shortages. Governments around the world are not acting quickly enough to reduce greenhouse gases. He encouraged Environment Canterbury to do its best beyond its legislative responsibilities and provided the following examples of action that the Council can take:

- Assessing the impact of all Council actions including granting consents.
- Reducing the Council's carbon emissions for example using electric cars.
- Let the public know what the Council is doing.

Submission No. 51 – Beckenham Neighbourhood Association

Peter Tuffley tabled notes in support of their submission and stressed the importance of pursuing and realising the statements in the Long-Term Plan (LTP). Mr Tuffley highlighted the following matters from the submission:

- Concern about freshwater management, for example the delay in the implementation of minimum flows in the Hurunui.
- Opposition to the proposed cuts to bus services and their preference that public transport come under on authority with more focus on Christchurch.
- Support for full democracy in 2019 and Māori representation by way of the Bay of Plenty model.

Submission No. 109 – Canterbury District Health Board

Dr Anna Stevenson spoke to this submission and highlighted the following points:

- Support for the integration of funding for climate change work in the LTP.
- Concern about the proposal to lower the cap for total mobility trips. There is a duty of care for these vulnerable people who do not have a strong voice. She encouraged Councillors to seek more information about this matter.
- Concern about the proposal to cut some bus services and that public transport appears to be siloed away from other activities in the LTP like climate change and carbon emissions.

Submission No. 142 – Christchurch Enviro Hub

Sophie Allen presented this submission and thanked Environment Canterbury for its support for the Christchurch Enviro Hub proposal. She confirmed that funding requests had also been made to other organisations. They advised that the Christchurch Enviro Hub is currently an incorporated trust and has applied for charitable trust status.

Cr Pham declared an interest in the next submission and withdrew at 9.35 am

Submission No. 754 – Working Waters Trust

Sophie Allen presented this submission and explained that as the Trust provides advice it is difficult to obtain funding as many grants are project-based. The Trust supports the provision in the LTP for cultural land advisors and suggested that they be made available to assist local community groups.

Cr Pham returned at 9.40 am.

Submission No. 10 – Sophie Allen

Sophie Allen presented her own submission and expressed support for climate change work to have its own portfolio within the LTP.

She supported other submissions seeking a review of the proposals to cap the cost of Total Mobility trips and cut bus services. She encouraged further analysis of the low performing routes.

Submission No. 343 – Chrys Horn**Submission No 613 – Selwyn Greens**

Chrys Horn highlighted the following points from both submissions:

- Include community groups with the Council's regional partners.
- Support for the collaborative approach being used for the Canterbury Water Management Strategy. She suggested that this approach be extended for public transport and hazards.
- Noting increased demand for public transport in areas that are growing, for example Halswell.
- Make climate change work more explicit in the LTP and for the Council to be carbon free.
- Disagreement with the description of an "abundance" of freshwater.

Submission No 739 – Axel Wilkes

Axel Wilkes advised that he is a transport planner but that his submission was in his private capacity.

He spoke to a PowerPoint presentation on public transport that included an analysis of patronage data and recommended that Council report on patronage using per capita information. The hub and spokes model has not been a success, making it less attractive and less convenient to catch the bus.

The Council needs to promote catching the bus as cool and illustrated this with a video promoting public transport use in Denmark. He encouraged Councillors to focus on the opportunities, not the constraints, and to believe in public transport as an exciting opportunity.

Submission No. 376 Keep Our Assets - Canterbury

Stephen Howard with Dot Lowell-Smith presented this submission and highlighted the following points:

- Work with Christchurch City Council and other councils to get central government to review transport legislation so that carbon emissions can be reduced.
- Improve the quality of buses and bus services including enabling more bikes on buses.

Submission No. 465 – Steve McNeill

Steve McNeill acknowledged the sad passing of David Bedford.

Speaking to his submission he encouraged Councillors to consider carefully the fairness of the rating system. For example, why should a Lewis Pass ratepayer support work in Banks Peninsula or wallaby control in South Canterbury. The Long-Term Plan lacks accurate information and transparency.

He also questioned why zone committee members were appointed rather than elected.

The meeting adjourned between 11.03 and 11.13am.

Submission No. 581 Pauline Robertson

Pauline Robertson joined the meeting via a video call from the Timaru office and highlighted the following points:

- Support for the Council working with Timaru District Council
- Disagreement with the emphasis on irrigation.
- Encourage the whole of catchment consent reviews for example Ashburton.
- The need to analyse the wider community costs of activities consented by the Council.
- Support for the work of Council's biodiversity team.

Submission 658 – Sustainable South Canterbury Trust

Brian Gallagher with Rhys Taylor presented this submission on behalf of Sustainable South Canterbury with a PowerPoint presentation with photos and plans for a new Eco-Centre for Timaru.

They explained that the Eco-Centre provides an opportunity to build relationships with the community and connects with the work of Environment Canterbury. It was confirmed that site is secure and that the project has the support of Timaru District Council.

Attendance: Cr Scott joined the meeting at 11.30 am

Submission No. 711 – Waimakariri District Council

Mayor David Ayers with Senior Policy Analyst Mike O'Connell presented the Waimakariri District Council's submission.

Mayor Ayers expressed his Council's appreciation on how the two Councils work together on a range of activities including the Mayoral Forum, Canterbury Water Management Strategy and the Ashley-Rakahuri Estuary.

Referring to the matters raised in their submission about the Kaiapoi River, he explained that the issues concerning the river were complex. One matter his Council was seeking help from Environment Canterbury was to assist with maintenance of the river navigation channels. The river is accessed by large vessels including the Coastguard service.

In response to a question regarding climate change, Mayor Ayers suggested that this needs to be a national conversation. People need to know what it means for individual properties, for example the effects of sea level rise.

Commenting on public transport he explained that as well as access to Christchurch, people in Waimakariri also needed access into Rangiora and other settlements.

Submission No. 274 – Paul Goodman

Paul Goodman explained that his concern that central and local government had moved from a customer focus and need to be looking after the people that elect them. His rates have increased and the Council needs to stop its cost-plus mentality.

He expressed his concern at the lack of enforcement of air and water consents.

He recommended Councillors read a book by W E Benfield “Water; Quality and Ownership”.

Submission No 508 – North Canterbury Fish and Game

Scott Pearson and Emily Arthur-Moore spoke to a PowerPoint submission that summarised the key point of this submission including seeking funding in the LTP for:

- Plan implementation consent reviews
- Compliance
- Recreation and Amenity
- Long-Term Environmental Trends
- Habitat Rehabilitation

Emily Arthur-Moore spoke to the PowerPoint presentation that described the restoration of the Silverstream catchment and requested new funding in the Long-Term Plan to continue this project.

Noting their concern about the prioritising of consent reviews it was suggested that a meeting be arranged to explain what the Council is planning to do.

Submission No. 604 – Scarborough Hill Properties Ltd

Ewan Carr with Jeff Brown spoke to this submission. It was explained that Mr Carr has development aspirations for his 20-hectare property that potentially could include significant ecological enhancement. The current Regional Policy Statement limits this type of development in areas adjacent to urban areas.

Submission 612 – Selwyn District Council

Mayor Sam Broughton expressed his gratitude for how the two Councils work together and to Cr Sunckell for his liaison work.

He urged the Council to rethink public transport and to make sure that public transport is available to Greater Christchurch and beyond. He suggested that staff from the two Councils work together to look at cost sharing for bus services for the district including Darfield and Leeston.

Mayor Broughton spoke in support of a youth rate to encourage students and young people to continuing using public transport when they turn 18.

The meeting adjourned between 1.00 and 1.20 pm.

Submission No. 650 – Barbara Stewart

Barbara Stewart spoke of her concern for the welfare of animals without shelter in paddocks. This has been caused by the loss of trees and windbreaks to provide space for irrigators. Her presentation included a diagram illustrating that trees can be planted in paddocks allowing for the placement of irrigators.

Submission No. 50 – Nikki Beardsley

Nikki Beardsley said that she was concerned about the limited funding for climate change. She asked if there is enough information on rising seas; changing weather patterns; and storms.

She requested the Council to review the Long-Term Plan to step the region forward.

Submission No 674 – Templeton Residents' Association

Garry Kilday, chair of the Templeton Residents' Association, explained the residents' concerns about the impact of quarries on water and air quality. He questioned the wisdom of digging holes upstream and below aquifer levels. They suggested that there needed to be a buffer zone around Christchurch quarry sites.

The Council needs to enforce compliance of the consents to quarry, noting that no reply had been provided to a dust complaint lodged on 7 April.

Air quality is monitored for PM10, but the health risk for quarries is the finer and more penetrating PM2.5.

Submission No. 574 – Pam Richardson

Pam Richardson expressed support for the biodiversity strategy and Council activities that empower the Banks Peninsula Community. She requested information on how the pest liaison committees work and how the Banks Peninsula targeted pest management rates are set.

Coastal erosion is an issue for Pigeon Bay and she suggested that the Council could assist residents with advice and lower consent fees for coastal protection.

Submission No. 272 – Goat Working Group

In support of the Goat Working Group's submission, Pam Richardson tabled a summary of the feral goat muster that was undertaken on 8 and 9 April at Little Akaloa. This was about 80% of the estimated population of 250 goats. To successfully eradicate feral goats from Banks Peninsula requires on-going work and funding is needed. The Group was requesting \$40,000 for this work in the 2018/19 year.

Submission No. 438 – Dr Michael Mautner

Dr Michael Mautner spoke in support of planting natives in gullies and hill areas to prevent erosion. He explained that soil acts as a carbon sink and requested that more research be done and information provided to the public.

Submission No. 303 – Halswell River Rating Liaison Committee

Submission No. 420 – Jim Macartney

Jim Macartney, chair of the Halswell River Rating Liaison Committee, with Stewart Miller presented their submission that raised the matter of the income from endowment

land to the Halswell Drainage district. As this land is retired from grazing the income will be reduced and it was suggested general rate make up the shortfall for the drainage scheme.

Late submission No. 3 – Drucilla Kingi-Patterson

Drucilla Kingi-Patterson commenting on traffic management and public transport suggested that planning be done for people travelling to the city to new facilities like the new Stadium. She opposed the cuts to existing bus services, noting that many people have chosen where to live based on access to public transport.

Submission No. 58 – Stephen Beuzenberg

Stephen Beuzenberg questioned the wording of the first paragraph of the Consultation Document that referred to “an abundance of freshwater”. He said that was an emotive term, not a quantity that sets a mindset of a resource like oil that is being squandered. Water is a public owned asset and Mr Beuzenberg is concerned that he, as a stakeholder, is separated from the water allocation process.

Submission No. 528 – Paihere Geopark

Dr Samuel Hampton introduced Councillors to the concept of a geopark and tabled a copy of “Proposal for a UNESCO Geopark on Banks Peninsula/Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū”. A geopark is a way of looking at a landscape and provides a platform to educate residents and visitors. This would fit in with Environment Canterbury activities like the Canterbury Water Management Strategy, biodiversity and hazards.

Submission No. 305 – Samuel Hampton

Dr Samuel Hampton highlighted the following from his submission:

- Need to manager the best land use in the Canterbury Plains understanding the soil properties and the shallow surface aquifers.
- Within biodiversity consider the concept of geodiversity.

Attendance: Cr Cranwell and Roberts left the meeting at 3.10pm.

The meeting adjourned between 3.10 and 3.25pm

Submission No. 672 – Te Korowai o te tai o Marokura

Ted Howard and Peter Lawless joined the meeting via a phone call and presented this submission. Ted Howard thanked the Council for its support and for its response following the November 2016 earthquake.

Peter Lawless explained how the work of Te Korowai o te tai o Marokura assists the Kaikoura with:

- Community connection
- Ecosystem restoration
- International recognition
- Marine biosecurity

The planned establishment of the Kaikoura International Marine Research and Education Centre will provide many benefits including knowledge for regional coastal planning.

The meeting was adjourned with a karakia at 3.35 pm.

The meeting resumed at 9.00 am on Tuesday 1 May 2018, in the Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch.

Attendance: Chair Steve Lowndes, Deputy Chair Peter Scott, Councillors David Caygill, Iaeen Cranwell, Rod Cullinane, Elizabeth Cunningham, Tom Lambie, Lan Pham, Dr Cynthia Roberts, Peter Skelton and John Sunckell

Apology:

Tuesday 1 May:
Cr McKay

Submission No. 43 – Michael Bate

Michael Bate explained his concern about the effluent from sewerage treatment plants, in particular at Kaiapoi. There is avian botulism in the sewerage system that causes toxins to develop.

His presentation included photographs of toxic and rotten treated effluent washed up on beaches; and dead and dying ducks in a wetland.

He identified Pines Beach, Lyttelton Harbour, the Ashley River and the lower Waimakariri River as areas at risk.

Submission No. 610 – Dr Robert Seddon-Smith

Dr Robert Seddon-Smith asked the Council to look at ensuring that compliance costs are met by the polluter, not the ratepayer.

Noting that water in the Templeton Basin is already over allocated he suggested that transfers of water allocation across non-contiguous pieces of land be not allowed.

As a medical General Practitioner, he expressed concern at the effects on people's health from the Fulton Hogan quarry proposal. In a windy environment dust cannot be mitigated. The extra fine 2.5PM particles get in people's lungs.

Such applications should be publicly notified due to the effects on the environment from noise, dust and the risk to aquifers under free-draining soils.

Submission No. 615 – Lesley Shand

Lesley Shand spoke in favour of all Councillors being elected, more support for indigenous biodiversity and pest management.

Submission No. 123 – Cashmere Stream Care Group

Dr David West, on behalf of the Cashmere Stream Care Group, supported freshwater as a priority in the Long-Term Plan and encouraged the Council to implement this in its plans and with action.

The Cashmere Stream Care Group do regular clarity measurements and fish monitoring, and recommended that this work be done in other parts of Canterbury.

He was disappointed at the lack of species management in the biodiversity and biosecurity areas. This is fragmented and riparian corridors need to be connected.

He encouraged the Council to be brave; acknowledge that business as usual is not working and to empower community groups so they can assist the Council.

Late submission No. 1 – Susan Cumberworth

Susan Cumberworth with Jan Chaffey presented a submission in support of the proposal for a pest free Banks Peninsula, including the Port Hills. A letter dated 30 January 2014 addressed to Environment Canterbury and other agencies regarding the deer crisis in Rocklands Valley, Tai Tapu was circulated.

Their PowerPoint presentation included pictures showing the damage done to native trees in reserves and private gardens by the feral deer. Damage is also being done by possums, rabbits, stoats and pigs.

Ms Cumberworth supported a targeted rate for control of pests in their area.

Submission No. 189 – Diamond Harbour Community Association

Richard Suggate presented this submission and highlighted the following points:

- Support for public transport and improved parking at Diamond Harbour.
- Suggestion that fares be reduced for travel to Quail Island to encourage people to visit.
- The low budget for climate change work when there are problems including with erosion, road slips and rising sea level rise to be addressed.
- Support of the Environment Canterbury's support for the Whakaraupō Catchment Management Plan for the Whakaraupō/Lyttelton Harbour.

Cr Roberts declared an interest in the next submission and withdrew at 10.10 am

Submission No 583 – Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust

Richard Suggate presented this submission that supported the Banks Peninsula Pest Free submission and the use of target rates and general rates to fund pest management on Banks Peninsula. The Trust requested an additional \$40,000 funding for the eradication of feral goats.

The Trust was concerned about the proposal to cut the bus service from Lyttelton to Rapaki and suggested extending that route to Governors Bay.

Cr Roberts returned at 10.20 am

Submission No 34 – Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust

Mark Christensen, Maree Burnett and David Miller presented this submission. The Trust assists landowners placing covenants on their land to protect biodiversity and they were requesting Council's assistance with this.

The Trust supported the pest free proposal in the Long-Term Plan noting that this will require a true collaborative approach from agencies and the community. They supported the request an additional \$40,000 for feral goat control.

Submission No. 539 – Pest Free Banks Peninsula Working Group

David Miller emphasised the importance of a long-term commitment to pest control and spoke in support of pest control on Banks Peninsula being funded from 50% targeted rate and 50% from the general rate. They also supported additional funding for feral goat control.

Submission No. 500 – Network Waitangi Otautahi

Katherine Peet explained the Network's work in promoting the Treaty and extended its offer to engage with the Council and contribute to Council's Tuia programme.

She encouraged the Council to include non-government sector groups as partners in regional leadership.

The meeting adjourned between 10.55 and 11.05 am

Submission No. 188 – Department of Conservation

Andy Thompson and Rachel Brown spoke to a PowerPoint presentation that included a map showing the areas of Banks Peninsula where goat eradication has been done and the areas that need to be done. It was requested that the Council match the support being provided by the Department and the Christchurch City Council.

Another aspect of their presentation was an opportunity at the river terraces at Te Perita to enhance the indigenous vegetation on an area of 11ha adjacent to the river. They suggested that funding to manage that land could be funded by the Council's Immediate Steps (CWMS) programme.

Submission No 519 – Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network

Annabelle Hasselman presented this submission describing the Network's concern about the pollution, sediment, flooding and loss of mahinga kai in the Heathcote River. Their PowerPoint presentation included a map of the Heathcote Catchment with its many tributaries. The Trust supports helping people to understand the linkages and relationships in the catchment so that the health of the river can be improved.

The good work of the Council's Enviro Schools Programme was acknowledged and they supported an increase in funding for this work.

Submission No. 595 – Rural Advisory Network

Jamie McFadden spoke to a PowerPoint presentation that included photos from a presentation to Hurunui District Council District Plan Review regarding the protection of Significant Natural Areas (SNAs).

Mr McFadden quoted from a recent report produced by regional councils "Addressing New Zealand's Biodiversity Challenge" that stated that there is not a 'one-size-fits-all' solution to achieving good biodiversity outcomes. Working alongside people gets more effective results than regulations.

Submission No. 425 – Mackenzie Guardians

Rosalie Snoyink and Liz Weir had a PowerPoint presentation with maps showing the loss of rare ecosystems in the Mackenzie Basin.

They also tabled additional information in support of the Mackenzie Guardians submission with nine recommendations for Environment Canterbury towards protecting and progressively restoring indigenous biodiversity.

Submission No. 379 – Mary Keane

Mary Keane spoke in support of the excellent service provided by bus routes 107 & 108. If both these services were cut that would restrict her access to Northlands where she is able to connect to other buses.

Cr Cranwell declared an interest in the next submission and withdrew at 12.13 pm

Submission No. 714 – Wairewa Runanga Incorporated

Michael O'Flaherty presented the submission on behalf of Wairewa Runanga Incorporated. He spoke to a PowerPoint presentation that had information about the runanga responsibilities and consents for the management of Wairewa/Lake Forsyth.

Surface water quality monitoring pre and post 2009 showed the benefits to the lake from the construction of the canal. The runanga have spent \$1million to date on the construction and maintenance of the canal and they were requesting Council assistance with monitoring and management costs. This could be as a partnership recorded in a Memorandum of Understanding.

Cr Cranwell returned at 12.25 pm

Submission No. 663 – Caroline Syddall

Caroline Syddall highlighted the following parts of her submission:

- Public transport needs to be improved with more integration across Christchurch, Selwyn and Waimakariri.
- There is not an abundance of freshwater and action needed to undo past overallocation and pollution of rivers.

Submission No. 472 – Dr Colin Meurk

Dr Colin Meurk tabled additional information in support of his submission and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation that included pictures of damage to primary habitat. Urgent action is needed on biodiversity.

Streams, water races, and road corridors with strong native planting should to be developed and protected. Eco-sanctuaries' like the Travis-Avon-Otakaro need to be created to protect Canterbury's threatened natural habitat and to provide an opportunity for people to connect with nature and the landscape.

The meeting adjourned between 12.53 and 1.12 pm.

Submission No. 717 – Sarah Walters

Sarah Walters requested that the Council reconsider its public transport proposals. Access to transport is a basic human right and public transport should be seen as an investment not a cost.

Submission No. 710 – Waihora Ellesmere Trust

Ray Maw and Denise Ford presented the Trust's submission and explained that the Trust was currently reviewing what it does in an effort to remain relevant. They don't want to double up on other groups work but operate as an independent group to facilitate discussion between all organisations working to improve the health and biodiversity of Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere.

Late Submission No. 9 – Waterways Centre for Freshwater Management

Jenny Webster-Brown said that they supported freshwater management and indigenous biodiversity identified as a priority in the Long-Term Plan but questioned that this was only 25% of the budget.

People want to be engaged and have access to information about waterways and the work being done by the zone committees.

Stockwater channels should be recognised and protected as part of the freshwater network.

Consent reviews and enforcement of consent conditions should be flagged in the Long-Term Plan.

Submission No. 730 – Lois Wells

Lois Wells was disappointed that it was proposed to cut the Westmorland bus service. This is the only service south of the Barrington Mall and cutting it will disadvantage the elderly and school children.

Submission No. 733 – Tony Westwood

Tony Westwood described his experience in China planting plant in a windy environment using New Zealand seed technology. He urged the Council to encourage the planting of local indigenous plants. He tabled information prepared by the Department of Conservation about the plants that encourage native birds.

Submission No. 257 – Generation Zero

Francesca Bradley and Sian Gilmore presented this submission and support the Council providing strong leadership on climate change.

They expressed concern regarding the consultation process for the proposed changes in public transport. The three options provided that were not fair or equitable, public transport should be valued as an investment not a subsidy.

Submission No. 247 – Silverstream Volunteers

Noelene Francis and Heidi Quinn spoke to a PowerPoint presentation that illustrated their work on the restoration of natural character of the Silverstream Reserve, near Clarkville in North Canterbury. They requested Council assistance for weed management. It was suggested that the Volunteers contact the Waimakairi Zone Committee.

Submission No. 66 – Blind Foundation

Carina Duke presented this submission on behalf of the Blind Foundation. She explained that the Foundation does not support any of the public transport options in the Long-Term Plan. Ms Duke requested more research on the social costs before any changes are made.

Buses changes are hard for blind people. They rely on this service and need accessible bus and bus stops. She also requested reconsideration of the proposed change to the Total Mobility scheme.

Submission 566 – Red Bus Ltd

Paul McNoe, Chief Executive of Red Bus Ltd presented this submission and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation that included information about the decline in passenger trips and the revenue gap since June 2014.

Mr McNoe explained that the small urban buses were popular and had a low carbon footprint. Recognising that Red Bus has a vested interest, he urged the Council not to cut services and to ask the government for extra funding. The earthquake recovery is not over.

Submission No. 107 – Valerie Campbell

Valerie Campbell spoke in support of better funding of braided river biodiversity. With not enough money to address all the goals she suggested a strategic approach and focussing on the rivers that have values that can be saved.

Ms Campbell also spoke in support of funding of weed pest control, particularly in areas adjacent to conservation land. She urged the Council to work with other agencies to ban the sale of Russel Lupin seeds.

Submission No. 403 – Connor Sanders

In light of the proposal to cut the 150 bus services Connor Sanders explained his proposal for a change to 125 route (Redwood/Westlake) to provide the residents of Prestons access to a bus service.

Submission No. 587 – David Rollinson

David Rollinson, with his daughter Stella, spoke to a PowerPoint presentation in support of his submission that opposed cutting the Westmorland bus service. This is the only service to Westmorland with both the route into the city and the school bus service having already being cut. Westmorland does not have any shops or schools and Cashmere Road is busy and dangerous for school children to cross.

Attached to his submission was a petition with 723 signatures.

Submission No. 571 – Westmorland Residents' Association**Submission No. 572 – Lindsay Richards**

Lindsay Richards spoke to both these submissions requesting that the Westmorland Bus service be reviewed and retained. The current service travels from Westmorland to the Eastgate Mall. He asked the Council to consider a service into the city and at appropriate times using the smaller buses.

Submission No. 657 – Summit Road Society

Marie Gray and Jeremy Agar presented this submission that supported a collaborative approach to restore indigenous biodiversity and control pests.

The Society supports the extension of the Banks Peninsula target rate for pest control into the Port Hills.

The Society has a trapping programme and requested assistance with the provision of traps to urban households

Attendance: Cr Cranwell left the meeting at 3.42 pm.

Crs Lambie and Sunckell declared an interest in the following submission and withdrew at 3.43pm.

Submission No. 158 – Federated Farmers of New Zealand; Combined Canterbury Provinces

Michael Salvesen with Lionel Hulme presented this submission and highlighted the following points:

- Is rainfall being monitored for freshwater management and are the rules flexible to deal with the changes in weather patterns?
- Request for continued support for the successful managed aquifer recharge project at Ashburton.
- The need for more science and better peer-reviewed information.
- The Council to proceed with caution on the braided river programme as the issue of land use and weed control are very complex.
- The need to build resilience for climate change.

The meeting was adjourned with a karakia at 3.54 pm.

The meeting resumed at 9.00 am on Wednesday 21 May 2018, in the Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch.

Attendance: Chair Steve Lowndes, Deputy Chair Peter Scott, Councillors David Caygill, Iaeen Cranwell, Rod Cullinane, Elizabeth Cunningham, Tom Lambie, Lan Pham, Dr Cynthia Roberts, Peter Skelton and John Sunckell

Apologies

Wednesday 2 May

Cr McKay

For part the meeting; Cr Skelton

For early departure: Crs Cullinane, Cunningham and Pham

Late Submission No. 8 – Susanne Stoiber

Susanne Stoiber joined the meeting via a phone call from Germany. She introduced her submission by reminding the Councillors of the sunlight, fresh air and drinking water that was available when they woke that morning.

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation she encouraged Council to support the implementation of compost toilets that can be used in urban and rural settings. As they use dry material they do not cause the problems encountered with septic tanks. The Council could promote composting toilets at freedom camping sites and streamline the consent process.

Submission No 27 – Dianela Bagozzi

Dianela Bagozzi described what had happened in Italy when people turned to buying bottled water after traces of chrome was found in the drinking water. She suggested that this was not the way to go and people must look after water. Water must be conserved and protected for future generations. Commercial water bottling must be regulated

Ms Bagozzi also spoke in support of education for mitigating the effects of climate change and encouraging safety for cyclists.

Submission No. 114 – Raviv Carasuk

Raviv Carasuk highlighted the following points from his submission:

- Keep the six bus routes identified to be cut. Reducing services will not encourage people to use the buses. He would support a rates rise for public transport while other options are pursued with central government.
- Enforce resource consent conditions.
- Support for the work being done through the Immediate Steps Programme.
- Encourage NZ Transport Agency to use locally sourced native plants in their road-side planting.

Submission No. 54 – Merav Benaia

Merav Benaia spoke in opposition of the proposals to cut bus services. These cuts will have a ripple effect and other routes will not be used.

Ms Benaia encouraged the Council to work with central government to review the Resource Management Act in light of climate change.

Submission No. 141 – Christchurch City Holdings

Paul Munro said that public transport is an important part of Christchurch's infrastructure and the proposed cuts were a result of financial considerations rather than looking at the service.

The proposed cuts are also in isolation from the Regional Public Transport Plan. Five of the routes to be cut are operated by Red Bus Ltd and this would impact on Red Bus financial viability.

Submission No. 150 – Janet Clissold

Janet Clissold explained that an important wellbeing for older people was being able to participate. Cutting the bus service in Beckenham would isolate many people including people who chose to live in retirement villages that were close to public transport.

She also spoke in support of developing "park and ride", good access to the hospital and the great Bus Exchange.

Submission No. 195 Robyn Dodds

Robyn Dodds asked the Council not to cut the Rapaki bus service. This would impact her ability to get to where she needs to go.

Submission No. 217 – Kusal Ekanayake

Kusal Ekanayake presented this submission on behalf of the Christchurch Youth Council, the Youth Reference Group for Sustainable Transport and Youth Voice Canterbury.

The submission was about public transport and Mr Ekanayake explained that if bus fares increased this would discourage young people from using public transport. This would have safety implications for young people.

He suggested looking at a bus service during the summer to provide access to the beaches in Lyttelton Harbour.

Submission No. 261 – Trevor George

Trevor George highlighted the following points from his submission:

- Support for public transport.
- The information from Farm Environment Plans is aggregated. The people who comply are carrying those who don't comply. People who don't comply should be pressured to comply.
- The frequency of farm audits needs to be frequent for people to have confidence in Environment Canterbury.

Submission No. 302 – Halswell Residents Association

David Hawke and John Bennett presented this submission on behalf of the Halswell Residents Association with a PowerPoint presentation that included data from a survey that they undertook of mode share entering Addington Village on Lincoln Road.

Halswell is a growing area and buses are at capacity. They suggested reviewing scheduling, and working with NZ Transport Agency and Christchurch City Council to look at innovative trials around fares, park and ride, and bus priorities.

The meeting adjourned between 10.42 and 10.56 am.

Submission No 306 – Vanessa Hansen**Submission No 307 – William Hansen**

Vanessa Hansen presented these submissions for herself and her 93-year-old father. They both use the 535-bus service (Eastgate/Lyttelton and Rapaki) and did not support this service being cut.

Submission No. 745 – Dr G Wilson

Dr Wilson spoke in opposition of the proposal to increase bus fares or the public transport targeted rate. The Council needs to be more flexible and look at using smaller buses during off-peak times.

Submission No. 675 – Think Papanui

Simon Britten presented this submission that requested more options for public transport. He had obtained feedback via the Think Papanui Facebook page that opposed the proposed cuts to bus routes 107 and 108 to Northlands.

Submission No. 319 Philip Haythornthwaite

Philip Haythornthwaite spoke in opposition of the proposed cuts to bus services. He explained his involvement in the disabled community and the difficulties people with disabilities have accessing buses. Many of these people have no alternative transport options.

The “hubs and spokes” model does not work for people when they have to transfer to other buses on their journey.

Mr Haythornthwaite requested that the Total Mobility Scheme not be reduced.

Submission No. 501 – New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers Inc

Rex Gibson and Larry Burke presented this submission. Mr Gibson explained that the Federation represents over 80 fishing groups in New Zealand and that fishing is second only to walking as the popular form of recreation.

He expressed the concern at the capture of water by the dairy industry and would like to see a greater recognition of recreation in the range of values for water quality. Water must be fit for purpose for all users and generations to come.

Mr Gibson explained that soil is an essential part of the environment and that he was concerned about the nitrate levels in soils. When managing water, the whole ecosystem must be considered.

Mr Burke spoke of the risk to salmon farms from nitrate levels in lowland rivers.

Submission No. 682 – Elaine Thurlow

Elaine Thurlow expressed her concern that the proposed cuts to bus services will isolate many elderly people. She explained that there was a lot of concern in the community but many people did not have the confidence to come and speak to the Council.

Submission No. 517 – Cam Odlin

Cam Odlin spoke in support of making public transport a pleasant experience. He encouraged the provision of Wi-Fi, more bikes on buses, extra buses on rainy days and using unused rail corridors.

He questioned Environment Canterbury’s involvement in public transport given its plans to cut services.

Attendance: Crs Cullinane, Cunningham, and Skelton left at 11.55 am

The meeting adjourned between 11.55 am and 1.00 pm.

Submission No 323 – Jan Henderson

Jan Henderson expressed her objection to the cancellation of the 107-bus route. She has spoken to many people who are concerned that there will be no alternative provided. This cut will impact of school children, people in retirement villages, workers and shoppers.

Isolating the community does not fit with the Urban Development Strategy to rebuild a liveable city.

Submission No. 511 – Northwood Retirement Villas Retirement Village

Janet McCreanor presented this submission and explained that their village had 63 units housing over 90 people. While some of these people can still drive they may not be able to in the future. The retention of a bus service to Northwood, even if it is less frequent will assist and future proof the community.

Submission No.591 – Alison Ross

Alison Ross, a Lyttelton resident spoke in support of retaining the 535-bus service (Eastgate/Lyttelton and Rapaki) and the use of smaller buses. The Council needs to consider what people want and where they want to go.

Submission No 428 – David Maclure

David Maclure, with the assistance of a NZ sign interpreter supported his submission with tabled notes and a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr Maclure was dismayed at the proposal to reduce bus routes. His presentation included a number of suggestions to review the routes rather than cut them.

Submission No. 52 – Janet Begg

Janet Begg, a regular bus user since 1942, tabled notes in support of her submission that encouraged the Council to put the customer in the centre of public transport planning.

Public transport should be recognised as a public good and she urged the Council to look at the new draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS).

Submission 544 Paul Pink

Paul Pink presented his submission opposed to reducing bus services. He supported extending the Rapaki service to Governors Bay and the use of rail from Kaiapoi, Rangiora and Hornby. The railway station should be in the city, not at Tower Junction (Addington).

Submission No. 7 – Mark Alexander

Mark Alexander presented his personal submission as a Selwyn resident, not as a Selwyn District Councillor.

He supported the introduction of a youth fare and a review of the current fare system that meant that travel from Hornby to Sumner was one zone but the trip from Prebbleton to Lincoln is across two zones.

Selwyn is growing and there is an opportunity to extend public transport to Leeston, Southbridge, Kirwee and Darfield.

Submission 122 – Cashmere Residents Association

Rik Tindall presented this submission that included a proposal to extend the bus route 145 that includes Cashmere High School, Christchurch South Intermediate, and Barrington Mall. Consultation undertaken by the Association found support for this proposal from residents including peoples in Bowenvale and residents at the Rhodes on Cashmere Retirement Village.

Attendance: Cr Pham left the meeting at 2.06 pm

Submission No. 708 – Mrs Wagstaff**Submission No. 709 – O & D Wagstaff**

David and Olive Wagstaff explained their objection to cutting both bus routes 107 and 108 to Northlands. Mr Wagstaff suggested a circular route to replace 107 and 108 that could be run on an hourly basis. He suggested a \$2.00 fare for Gold Card users during peak time.

Submission No. 722 Mark Watson

Mark Watson questioned the lack of a statement of purpose for public transport in the Long-Term Plan.

Commenting on the Diamond Harbour service he said that there needs to be a better link from the ferry to the bus. Many Diamond Harbour residents keep a car at Lyttelton so they can drive into town due to the time taken when using the bus.

Submission No. 355 – Caroline Hutchinson

Caroline Hutchinson speaking to her submission on the Westmorland bus route, suggested reviewing the route that currently travels to Eastgate. Commenting on funding options she favoured increasing the targeted rate to reflect the public benefits of public transport for health and reduce traffic congestion.

Submission No. 736 – Matthew Whiting

Matthew Whiting tabled notes in support of his submission on public transport. As a traveller using a wheel chair he has had good and not so good experiences catching buses. He noted that disabled people tend not to complain and that they have a right to catch the bus and receive good customer service.

Attendance: Cr Skelton returned to meeting at 3.13 pm

Submission 432 – Mina Marinkovic

Mina Marinkovic spoke about the proposal to cut bus routes 107 and 108. She uses both services and needs a bus to be able to get to school. Noting that these services currently have low patronage she suggested merging the two routes with reduced frequency during the weekends.

The following submissions on public transport were made to the Regional Land Transport Plan Review (RLTP):

RLTP Submission No. 29 – Amanda Williams

Amanda Williams spoke in support of retaining bus route 135 (Burwood Hospital/New Brighton) and extending it to provide access for Parklands students to QE2 Park recreation centre and to the new schools opening on that site next year.

RLTP Submission No. 52 – Northeast Education Secondary Education Committee

Amanda Williams and Elissa Smith presented this submission in support of retaining bus route 135 and explained that the new facilities being developed at QE2 Park will change customer needs as this route passes QE2 Park. Access is difficult for school students in the Prestons subdivision and in 2019 both Avonside Girls and Shirley Boys High Schools are moving to QE2.

They suggested a review of this route as part of a city-wide review.

RLTP Submission No. 53 – Elissa Smith

Elissa Smith spoke to her personal submission as a mother of four children who wanted her children to be independent and safe. A review of the 135-bus route would assist children to get to after school activities, provide connections and build community spirit.

RLTP Submission No. 59 – Parklands Residents

Elissa Smith presented this submission on behalf of the Parklands Residents requesting a review of the 135-bus route. They suggested the route be changed to provide access to shops, community services and to QE2 Park.

RLTP Submission No. 56 – Somerfield Residents

Julie Tobbell on behalf of the Somerfield Residents Association presented this submission requesting a review of bus services in the Somerfield area. This could include a service that connects Princess Margaret Hospital, the Public Hospital, the bus exchange, QE2 Park and Burwood Hospital.

Submission No. 399 – David Lawry

David Lawry presented this submission and tabled additional information about the airport designation issue at Dakota Park.

He explained his concerns about the noise pollution from the airport when planes are being tested at 2 and 3 am.

Commenting on the lack of compliance with noise restrictions Mr Lawry said that raised concern regarding the Airport waste water and waste chemical disposal.

Noting that these matters were not part of the Long-Term Plan, Mr Lawry was invited to let this Council know what it could do to help.

Late Submission No. 16 – Hurunui Youth Council

Omri Kepes presented this submission of the Hurunui Youth Council which is a sub-committee of the Hurunui District Council.

Mr Kepes explained that isolation was an issue for young people in rural areas. Public transport would give them access to jobs and to be able to socialise. A regular bus service linking some of the towns in the district would benefit many in the community.

Submission No. 145 – Christchurch Youth Council

Piper Pengelly and Claudia McDonald presented the submission on behalf of the Christchurch Youth Council. Their comments on public transport are included in submission from the Christchurch Youth Council (submission No. 217).

Young people are all different and have different views but are keen to be involved and engage with the Council.

Councillors congratulated the Youth Council on their successful launch of the Christchurch Youth Action Plan on 8 March 2018.

Submission No. 750 – Vivienne Wishart

Vivienne Wishart spoke to her submission that opposed cutting the 107 and 108 bus routes. A copy of her submission on the Regional Land Transport Review on the same issue was circulated.

Ms Wishart said that there was a lot of concern in her community about the proposed cuts to bus services and she requested that the Council take a second look.

5. **Other Business**

There was no other business

6. **Notices of motion**

There were no notices of motion.

7. **Next meeting**

Wednesday 23 May 2018

8. **Questions**

There were no questions

9. **Closing karakia**

The Chair thanked everyone for their participation and thanked the team that arranged the hearing. Cr Cranwell closed the meeting with a karakia at 4.46 pm.

Confirmed

Date _____ **Chairperson**

6. Matters Arising

7. Matters for Council Decision

7.1. 2018-28 Long Term Plan Deliberation

Council report

Date of meeting	23 May 2018
Author	Katherine Harbrow, Chief Financial Officer
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2018-28 Long-Term Plan deliberations

Purpose

To decide changes to the Long-Term Plan 2018-28 (LTP) document following consultation and staff advice.

Recommendations

That the Council:

1. Receives the public submissions to the Long-Term Plan 2018-28 as provided on Environment Canterbury's website.
2. Receives the report 'Submissions Report' which has been circulated with the agenda. An updated version will be available on the Environment Canterbury website after this meeting with the public submissions in 1.
3. Directs staff on what further changes are required for the Long-Term Plan 2018-28.
4. Approves the staff recommendations in the 'Submissions report' subject to recommendations 3 above.
5. Approves the **tbc %** average general rates and **tbc %** average targeted rates increases following making of the recommended changes to the Long-Term Plan 2018-28.
6. Directs the Chief Executive or Acting Chief Executive to complete the final document for the Long-Term Plan 2018-28, for audit and the final Council approval on 21 June 2018.

Background

1. Today Councillors will formally consider and make decisions on the public submissions that were received during consultation from 26 February 2018 to 26 March 2018.
2. A total of 765 submissions were received. Most of submissions were on the proposed Public Transport options, and discontinuation of six bus routes.
3. 16 late submissions were received up until 29 March. Although the submissions were late, Council has a discretion whether to accept them and these were accepted at the Council hearing of submissions meeting on the 30 April. These submissions have been included in the submissions summary.
4. The number of submission points made by each submitter varied. A submissions report of all the points made by submitters grouped by portfolio has been circulated prior to this meeting. The submission report includes submission summaries, analysis, staff evaluation and initial staff advice. The report includes written submissions and additional information presented at hearings on the 30 April, 1 & 2 May.
5. From our key organisational relationships, submissions were received from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Christchurch City Council and Timaru, Waimakariri, Selwyn, and Waimate District Councils, North Canterbury Fish and Game, Central South Island Fish and Game, Irrigation NZ, Federated Farmers, Canterbury District Health Board and the Department of Conservation.

Summary

Portfolio/section of the plan	Number of submission points	Indicated support/ conditional support	Indicated non-support	Wish to be heard	Staff advice to LTP change
Whole plan/LTP	162	60	54	29	Yes
Regional Leadership	81	35	12		Yes – narrative
Freshwater Management	181	76	56	12	Yes – narrative Funding tbc
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	125	82	9	29	Funding tbc
Hazards, Risk and Resilience	112	69	21	2 (river rating)	Yes – narrative
Air Quality	94	50	17		Yes – narrative

Transport and Urban Development	144	45	79		No – PT addressed below
Public Transport	568	48	498	52	Yes
Revenue and Financing Policy and rates	110	48	53		No - rates conversation

Whole Plan

6. **162** submission points received on the Whole Plan and Long-Term Plan 2018-28
 - 60 submissions indicated support or conditional support
 - 54 indicated non-support
 - 48 did not indicate whether they supported or comments were general in nature
 - 78 of the submission points provided no comments or had comments addressed under portfolios.
7. About 90 comments were received. Submitters were generally supportive of the priority given to Freshwater Management and Biodiversity. Comments on climate change are addressed under Hazards, Risk and Resilience portfolio.
8. Some submitters did not agree with our purpose. Staff advice is that council has agreed our purpose is 'Facilitating sustainable development in the Canterbury Region', which includes consideration of the 'four well-beings' (Social, Economic, Cultural and Environmental).
9. Some submitters commented on the consultation form, portal or document. Staff advice is that feedback on consultation tools and documents will be included in a review of the LTP process in early July.

There were a few submitter requests for contestable funding. Staff advice is that the issue of contestable funding will be considered to ensure that any recommendations align with strategic priorities. This will be addressed in the next annual plan (2019/20).

10. The Christchurch Enviro Hub Trust requests funding for the Christchurch Enviro Hub of \$20k per year for the coming two years (2018/19 and 2019/20), primarily for the continued role of the Implementation Manager. Over the last year Environment Canterbury has provided funding support of \$22k and has indicated the possibility of future support. **Staff advice is that \$20k is allocated to this project in year one.** Continuing support for this project will be reviewed as part of an overall review of the Community Based Organisations programme of work and further funding can be addressed through the annual plan.
11. The Sustainable South Canterbury Trust requests a contribution of \$150,000 from the regional council towards the **development of the new Eco-Centre in Timaru.** **Staff**

recommend \$10k for 2018/19. This is a large-scale project which requires further investigation and the establishment of a more formal partnership arrangement before funding support can be agreed. This can be addressed through future annual plans.

12. **Staff recommend supporting a submitter's request to add community groups to the list of regional partners.** This can be added to the text that was included on page 58 of the supplementary information document. This text would read 'During this Long-Term Plan, we will also maintain and/or develop a programme of relationship and engagement agreements with councils, government agencies, key industry groups, non-government organisations and community groups.'

Regional Leadership

13. **81** submissions points relevant to the Regional Leadership portfolio were received
- 35 submissions indicated support or conditional support
 - 12 indicated non-support
 - 34 provided general comments
 - 17 provided no comments and commented on other sections
14. About a third of submissions on Regional Leadership were on Plans, Consenting and Compliance, including requests for more effort on compliance enforcement and monitoring activities. Staff advice is to make no change to the Long-Term Plan 2018-28. Staff evaluation in the summary outlines current work in the area. Staff advice has also been included on consents relating to quarries and water allocation within the Regional Leadership portfolio, Freshwater Management and Air portfolio.
15. General support for partnership working and for the Networking for the Environment forum and Enviroschools was noted by submitters. In response to Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu proposal for Tuia Implementation Statements – we have noted we would welcome hearing details of their proposal for 'Tuia Implementation Statements' through the forum of Te Rōpū Tuia. Lyttelton Port Company and Network Waitangi Ōtautahi have requested closer working relationships, which does not require a change to Long-Term Plan.
16. Four submitters explicitly expressed support for the continued representation of Ngāi Tahu at the Council table, with a number of others supporting the close working relationship with mana whenua. No submissions were received opposing Ngāi Tahu representation. **Staff advice is that 'Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Environment Canterbury are in discussion exploring ways in which mana whenua representation at Council might be addressed.'**
17. As noted in bullet point 13 staff recommend supporting a submitter's request to add community groups to the list of regional partners in page 58.

Freshwater Management

18. **181** submission points were received on Freshwater Management.
 - 76 submitters expressed support or conditional support
 - 56 submitters indicate non-support
 - 49 submitters made general comments or didn't indicate whether they supported
 - 12 provided no comments
19. A number of submissions were supportive of the proposed consent reviews. Staff advice is that the use of consent reviews (as an alternative to or to complement plan change proposals in local catchment areas) has support from the wider community. There are resourcing considerations for the roll out of this approach, which need to be worked through with each community of interest.
20. Several delays have occurred in the sub-regional planning programme since the initial discussion on the direction of the LTP. With these delays, staff are exploring opportunities to target more resources into consent review. Additional draft test for the LTP narrative to clarify the approach to consent reviews is being developed.
21. Support was also indicated for the proposed Cultural Land Management Advisors and has been noted by staff.
22. Submissions of concern/non-support were regarding consenting (i.e. bottling plants), water quality, nitrates, irrigation and compliance issues. Staff advice has focused on work currently underway.
23. Specific requests from submitters include:
 - Fish and Game's proposed Recreation and Amenity plan is anticipated to cost \$75k per year for the 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years. Staff advice is that we are funding Stage One of the mentioned 'Recreation and Amenity plan' \$50k from existing budgets and it is **reasonable to expect to allocate funding of \$75k for the following years to respond to the findings of this report.**

Fish and Game also request confirmation of funding in the Long-Term Plan for the Silverstream Catchment Restoration, specifically: Snake Creek: \$22.5k in 2018/19 and \$22.5k in 2019/20 and for Silverstream: \$20k in 2019/20 and \$20k in 2020/21. Staff advise that funding for Snake Creek is being considered within the new project funding for Zone Delivery under the LTP and that **provision needs to be made for Silverstream.** Funding for zone projects needs to align to Zone Committee outcomes.

 - Federated Farmers asked for funding to be continued for the MAR trial currently underway in Mid Canterbury. Staff recommend that Council will continue to work with the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee on MAR and TSA in response to project learnings from the pilot work to date. No funding has been quantified.
24. At the hearings Wairewa Rūnanga requested further commitment financially towards the efforts to improve the health of Wairewa/Lake Forsyth. Some additional funding has

been made available through this LTP to support zone committees to undertake improvement projects in their zones.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity

25. **125** submission points were received on Biodiversity and Biosecurity
 - 82 indicated support (48) or indicated conditional support (34)
 - 9 expressed non-support
 - 34 submitters made general policy comments and were not clear whether they supported or not.
26. Many submitters (about 25%) supported and acknowledged the benefits of the proposed braided river and wetland programmes and the focus on collaborative partnership working. Submitters indicated that the focus should be on protecting what remains with no more degradation, which aligns with our strategy to protect, maintain and restore.
27. Submitters referred to specific biodiversity initiatives that they welcome and would encourage a continued or increase effort in. These include:
 - eco-sourcing and use of local seeds and council's support with planting, technical advice and funding
 - marine biodiversity
 - more money and resourcing
 - enforcement, regulation and working with others i.e. landowners
 - biosecurity as a tool for biodiversity outcomes.
28. The proposal to expand the Banks Peninsula Community Initiative programme and include the Port Hills as outlined in the LTP was well supported (about 30 submissions specifically mentioned).
29. The Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust and other Banks Peninsula groups also sought further funding for a specific goat eradication budget of \$40k. Staff advice is that **Environment Canterbury continue its current \$10k contribution (currently budgeted for) to feral goat management**. The proposed expansion of the Banks Peninsula Community Initiative Programme in year 2 of the proposed Long-Term Plan could consider and assist with funding the Goat Working Group's future activities. **Staff support an increase of \$50k to increase the capacity of Banks Conservation Trust habitat protection programme.**
30. Other Community Based Organisations (CBO) are seeking unspecified grant amounts for work (Waimakariri Environment and Recreation Trust, Forest & Bird, Silverstream Volunteer Group, Otamahua / Quail Island Ecological Restoration Trust, Waitākiri Eco-Sanctuary and Waihora Ellesmere Trust). Staff are developing a transparent and robust process for providing support to CBOs as important partners in the proposed step change. This will be addressed in the next annual plan (2019/20).

Hazards, Risks and Resilience (HRR)

31. The portfolio attracted a total of **112** submissions, including:

- 18 key submissions (including a number of organisational key stakeholders)
- 30 submitters who indicated they wish to be heard
- 39 generally agree with activity proposed for HRR portfolio, while 13 disagree (some of those who disagree consider Environment Canterbury is not doing enough)
- 11 did not provide any comments

Number of submissions received relating to each of the seven programmes was:

HRR Programme	Number of submissions
Natural Hazards	6
Navigation and Recreational Boating Safety	3
Flood Protection and Control Works	15
Coastal Environment and Hazards	15
Emergency Management	6
Contaminated Land, Hazardous Substances and Waste	4
Climate Change Integration	69
Total submissions	100

32. Of the 69 submissions relating to the Climate Change Integration Programme:

- Most submissions (45 or 65%) supported the Climate Change Integration Programme
- Most submissions (45) wanted more focus on regional mitigation/leading or advocating government for mitigation
- Just over half (37) commented that more climate change work/resource should be included or higher priority assigned to addressing climate change
- 12 (17%) commented that Environment Canterbury should focus on reducing its own carbon footprint
- 9 (13%) were out of scope

33. Based on the large number of submissions relating to (and questioning) Environment Canterbury's role in mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions (45), **staff recommend**

amending the narrative of the LTP to clarify Environment Canterbury's role, and why the organisation has a limited focus on mitigation.

34. **Staff recommend only one further amendment to the narrative of the LTP for this portfolio**, to identify groundwater as having an effect on natural hazards in the Natural Hazards programme (p.31) and the Coastal Environment and Hazards programme (p.34), in response to Christchurch City Council's submission.
35. Following recommendations from river rating liaison committees, **staff recommend the \$70k change to the LTP financial forecast.**

Air quality

36. **94** submission points were received on the Air Quality portfolio.
- 50 expressed support or conditional support
 - 17 expressed non-support
 - 25 provided general comments and didn't indicate whether they supported
 - 15 provided no comments
37. More than a third expressed support for cleaner home heating initiatives, particularly the Healthier Homes Canterbury initiative. Some expressed concern about the financial or other burdens that result from home heating rules. There is a significant number of households who do not quite meet the eligibility criteria for our subsidies scheme but still face financial difficulties with upgrading their older style burner. Healthier Homes Canterbury will be another means of support in the form of a finance option for ratepayers who require assistance to purchase compliant forms of heating, insulation and ventilation. **Staff recommend that the Healthier Homes Canterbury initiative is started in 2018/19 with a potential start date in September 2018.**
38. Submitters referred to non-domestic emissions and the need for more emphasis on this area (i.e. rural burn-offs, transport, tyre piles). Funding for work relating to non-domestic emissions is provided through the budgets for consents and compliance. **Staff recommend that the LTP narrative in Air Quality is amended** to reflect the fact the funding for compliance for non-domestic air quality comes from the Plans, Consenting and Compliance budget.

Transport and Urban Development

39. **144** submissions were received on Transport and Urban Development. Of these 23 were on Regional Transport, 6 on Urban Development and 30 on Transport and Urban Development in General. 85 of these were on Public Transport.
- 45 indicated conditional support or support
 - 79 indicated non-support, 51 of these suggested alternatives
 - 20 provided general comments
 - 20 provided no comments or provided comments under public transport
40. Many submitters on Regional Transport endorsed a shift from road freight to rail or coastal shipping, particularly to reduce emissions. Many submitters outlined specific

roading problems they have observed in their city or district. These are outside the scope of Environment Canterbury's LTP (roading and cycling infrastructure is the responsibility of NZTA and road controlling authorities).

41. Urban Development comments were supportive in general or commented on the negative impacts of greenfield development. Staff advice outlines the work of the Greater Christchurch Partnership and points to the opportunity for the public to input during a consultation period to be held by the Partnership.

Public Transport Options

42. **649** commented on Public Transport, including 568 under Public Transport options and whole plan and the 85 in Transport and Urban Development as above. Under Public Transport
- 48 indicated support or conditional support
 - 220 made general comments and did not specify if they supported
 - 181 indicated non-support but did not suggest an alternative
 - 317 indicated non-support and suggested alternatives
43. On the four options,
- 35 submitters selected Option 1
 - 25 submitters selected Option 2
 - 12 submitters selected Option 3
 - 324 submitters selected Option 4 (none of the above).
 - Not all submitters selected an option
44. Objection to the proposed discontinuation of six bus routes was the main reason submitters gave for selecting Option 4 or disagreeing with the Plan. At least 40 submitters specified that they opposed the proposed reduction of the Total Mobility scheme. Specific bus routes were mentioned: 121 times for route 145, 114 times for routes 107 and 108, 79 times for 535, 18 times for 150 and 11 times for 135.
45. A wide range of solutions were suggested including change to frequency/timetables, route changes, i.e. combining 107 and 108, using appropriate sized buses, options for fares including youth and gold card and carrying out a review/survey. Comments on increasing rates vs fares varied with similar numbers mentioning support for increasing rates or support for increasing fares. Comments were provided on wider public transport matters including multimodal transport, light rail, cycleways and the upcoming Regional Public Transport Review.
46. Staff have heard that the preferred option for Public transport from submitters was Option 4 - None of the above. **Staff have developed a 4th option for Council to consider at the deliberations.**

Other feedback

47. In addition to the submissions, 20 pieces of feedback were received on public transport, particularly the 535 and lack of public transport in Governor's Bay. These were not included as submissions as a name and address was not supplied or they came

through as feedback on a bus route affected rather than LTP submissions. Where contact details were given, potential submitters were encouraged to submit through the LTP channels.

48. Many submissions (51) on the Regional Land Transport Plan were clearly on the public transport options in the LTP, including four who indicated they wish to be heard on the LTP. RLTP submitters who commented on public transport options will be contacted and advised that their feedback will be included in the LTP process, including the four who wish to be heard.

Revenue and Financing Policy and Rates

49. **49** submissions on Revenue and Financing Policy and **61** on rates:
- Collectively 48 supported the revenue and financing policy and rates
 - 53 submitters do not support the revenue and financing policy or rates
 - 7 provided general comments and did not indicate support or non-support
 - A few submitters did not agree with UAGC, specifically the addition of the Recreational Boating Safety work to the UAGC.
50. There were many submitters that referred to work under the jurisdiction of city or district councils. These were classified as out of scope.
51. No changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy are recommended by staff because of submissions.

Financial implications

52. The Consultation document proposed an increase in total revenue from rates of 4.5% each year for the first three years of the LTP.
53. Staff will be on hand in the meeting to compile the financial impact to rates from the decisions agreed at the meeting. The final rates increase will be confirmed at the 21 June LTP Council adoption meeting.

	2017/18 AP	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Draft Plan				
Expenditure	168,957	167,516	171,693	175,895
Rates	95,125	99,406	103,881	108,558
Rates Increase		4,281	4,475	4,677
% increase		4.5%	4.5%	4.5%

Staff Advice + Submissions				
Expenditure		6,042	3,917	3,682
Rates		2,893	3,032	3,145
Final LTP if all submissions are adopted				
Expenditure	168,957	173,558	175,609	179,577
Rates	95,125	102,300	106,913	111,703
Rates Increase		7,174	4,614	4,790
% increase		7.5%	4.5%	4.5%

Risk assessment and legal compliance

54. Compliance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 has been followed and audited by our auditors.

Significance and engagement

55. Staff advice has been presented for consideration in this report. The submission summary including all the staff advice is available for the public to view as part of this agenda.
56. The full versions of each submission are available to view on our website.

Communication

57. There are 16 submitters who do not wish for their details to be made public. A redaction process has been applied to these submissions to remove names details before loading the submissions online.
58. The submission report will be published on Environment Canterbury website next week to display staff advice and the final changes agreed by the Councillors at this meeting.
59. A letter will be sent to all submitters, post the submission report being published on website, to advise where to find the document.

Next steps-

- **21 June – Council adoption of audited final version of the LTP and rates resolution.**

Attachment (circulated separately)

1. Submission report

8. Other Business

9. Notices of Motion

10. Questions

11. Closing Karakia

12. Next Meeting