

From: Selwyn District Council
To: Environment Canterbury
Subject: Annual Plan Submission
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Selwyn District Council just submitted the survey 'Draft Annual Plan 2019/20 Feedback' with the responses below.

Draft 2019/20 Annual Plan Feedback

The work of Environment Canterbury is reported on under six portfolios as outlined in the draft Annual Plan document 2019/20. Our website outlines many of the areas we work in, in more detail. Please give your feedback on the activity planned in the comments section under each portfolio and tell us what you support/don't support about the planned activity.

I generally support the plan for Regional Leadership

No Answer

Please provide any comments below

No Answer

I generally support the plan for Freshwater Management

No Answer

Please provide any comments below

No Answer

I generally support the plan for Biodiversity and Biosecurity

No Answer

Please provide any comments below

No Answer

I generally support the plan for Hazards, Risk and Resilience

No Answer

Please provide any comments below

No Answer

I generally support the plan for Air Quality

No Answer

Please provide any comments below

No Answer

I generally support the plan for Transport and Urban Development

No Answer

Please provide any comments below

No Answer

Overall feedback on the draft Annual Plan 2019/20

I generally support the draft Annual Plan 2019/20

No Answer

Please provide any comments below

No Answer

Fees and Charges Policy

I generally support the proposed new charge for non-compliant incident response

No Answer

Please provide any comments below

No Answer

I generally support the proposed new charge for annual water-use data management

No Answer

Please provide any comments below

No Answer

I generally support the changes to the existing schedule of fees and charges

No Answer

Please provide any comments below

No Answer

If you have any additional comments on the Fees and Charges Policy please provide them below.

No Answer

Revenue and Financing Policy

I generally support the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy to amend the land value/land area split for Regional Targeted Pest Management rates

No Answer

Please provide any comments below

No Answer

I generally support the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy to create a rating area (including the Port Hills) to support the vision for a pest-free Banks Peninsula

No Answer

Please provide any comments below

No Answer

If you have any additional comments on the Revenue and Financing Policy please provide them below.

No Answer

Supporting documents

Submission attached

If you are submitting a video submission, please add your Youtube or Dropbox link in the box below

No Answer

Public Hearing

I wish to speak to Council on my submission

Yes

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details you consider should not be disclosed. Please let us know in the comments box below.

Please provide comments below

No Answer

How did you find out about this consultation?

Other

If other, please state.

Directly from ECan



SUBMISSION TO THE ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY 2019/2020 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN

18 March 2019

Selwyn District Council (SDC) acknowledges the very positive and healthy relationship it has with Environment Canterbury at a governance, management, and operational level. We are also very supportive of the role that Environment Canterbury takes in a range of Committees across the Canterbury region.

SDC congratulates Environment Canterbury on the development of a comprehensive Draft Annual Plan which clearly reflects a strong desire to lead environmental, cultural, social and economic development of the Canterbury region for the benefit of future generations.

This submission from Selwyn District Council is intended to encourage the good work of Environment Canterbury.

1. BIODIVERSITY AND BIOSECURITY

Challenges and strategic focus:

- 1.1 Selwyn District supports additional funding to support the step change in biodiversity management especially in relation to the monitoring and compliance.
- 1.2 SDC is in support of the extra staff being employed by ECan to focus on braided rivers and wetlands. That will support and potentially align with the biodiversity work programme that SDC is running.
- 1.3 SDC supports the Pest Free Banks Peninsula Programme and suggest that the Regional Council considers the suitable management of domestic and stray cats.
- 1.4 SDC supports greater clarification concerning District Council and Regional Council responsibilities and potential crossover regarding terrestrial biodiversity.
- 1.5 SDC would support consideration of how the Farm Management Planning process can assist with the identification and protection of terrestrial (as opposed to wetland/waterway) biodiversity.
- 1.6 SDC recognises the importance of the Agency collaboration with regard to biodiversity protection and management, and in recent years has invested time and capacity in developing effective relationships and working alignment with LINZ, DoC and ECan.

- 1.7 SDC recognises the challenges with regard to biosecurity and acknowledges the need for increased funding and support – from Government and NGO's - in this area.
- 1.8 SDC is concerned about the impact of Biosecurity threats to the agricultural industry and existing biodiversity (for example established weed species such as Sycamore and Wilding Pines threatening Significant Natural Areas). It is to be hoped that technological advances in the future will provide for improved biosecurity outcomes.
- 1.9 The effects of global warming and climate change will need to be considered, anticipated and appropriately responded to in order to reduce the likelihood of further detrimental effects to biodiversity and biosecurity.

Programmes:

- 1.10 SDC welcomes the development of the Regional Programme. The prioritised approach will allow ECan to respond to regional biodiversity issues and opportunities as they arise.
- 1.11 The Braided Rivers Programme is a suitable response to the environmental challenges that Canterbury's braided rivers face and increases the ability to protect, manage and restore biodiversity in those areas.
- 1.12 Regarding target 9.2 - the BRAG project is important to help understand land ownership boundaries on the margins of Braided Rivers and to restrict the loss of river margin native biodiversity habitats to agricultural encroachment.
- 1.13 The Wetland Programme is a good response to the continuing decline in the Regions wetlands. SDC looks forward to working with and supporting ECan in this programme within the Selwyn District.
- 1.14 ECan could consider assessing whether plan rules – regarding the provision and development of agricultural infrastructure such as irrigation – can have perverse and negative effects on wetlands and streams.

2. HAZARD, RISKS AND RESILIENCE

Waimakariri Regional Park & Emergency Management

- 2.1 SDC is very supportive of the initiatives outlined in the 2019/2020 Draft Annual Plan for the Waimakariri Regional Park and Emergency Management.

3. TRANSPORT & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- 3.1 SDC supports the new 2018 Regional Passenger Transport Plan and the progressive improvement to public transport services over time.
- 3.2 With a bus services route review pending for the district by Environment Canterbury, it is the best time to discuss how to sensibly improve and expand Selwyn bus services and how increasing the public transport rate in Selwyn could assist in achieving this.
- 3.3 SDC views the introduction of public transport services into its new high growth urban areas like Rolleston and Lincoln as very important to change travel behaviours from the outset.

- 3.4 SDC asks Environment Canterbury to investigate extending the 820 service from Lincoln to Tai Tapu and Halswell to service the Tai Tapu area of Selwyn – even if this requires a further increase in the Selwyn Public Transport rate.
- 3.5 SDC supports Environment Canterbury amending the Leeston Trial, perhaps re-routing via Rolleston to check demand versus costs of a shorter service.
- 3.6 SDC asks Environment Canterbury to consider adding Southbridge to the Leeston service and rating Southbridge according
- 3.7 SDC supports the increases in Regional Public Transport rates as required to implement the Regional Public Transport Plan.
- 3.8 SDC supports increases in Selwyn’s local Public Transport rates to support the continuation of Darfield and Leeston services trials.
- 3.9 SDC asks Environment Canterbury to consider further increases in Selwyn Public Transport Targeted Rate to support further increases in services in the Selwyn area, such as a second Darfield &/or Leeston Bus service or an increase of the Yellow Line service or 85 service coverage within Rolleston.

We would like to take the opportunity to address some of these items more fully through a verbal presentation of this Submission.

Kind Regards



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