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The Waitaki River once ran from Aoraki to the Ocean, today she provides water for renewal energy, irrigation, town supplies, fire fighting many of these being positives in the fight against climate change.

In Natural History cycles around the world the Waitaki River is known as the “Cinderella” of braided rivers due to its exceptional biodiversity values for a braided river system. But the yin/yang is that the “Cinderella” is now reduced to a 55km stretch and much of the biodiversity has been lost and issues have arisen.

I am disappointed that the Waitaki's issues are not mentioned as priorities for Ecan in the LTP consultation document.

The Waitaki is different it is a “controlled” river and effectively the “tailrace” of a hydro scheme and with this comes significant problems none more than the fact the river has no conditions on the raising and lowering rates which are the cause of substantial land erosion and loss.

There is an urgent need for a fairer Waitaki River rating system lessening the burden on adjacent landowners, instead including all benefactors of the river.

Over the last few years Ecan has actively encouraged conversion from border dyke to spray. In the 50's and 60's subsidised tree planting programs were put in place to prevent erosion from the Nor'westers all of which have been cut down to support spray, this works against climate change. It also has meant huge losses in biodiversity and bird life. Border dykes allow for tree planting and in particular bird corridors. I know around my farm in the last five years (with the change) gone are the kingfishers, the pukeko, the tui's and bell birds.

As a member of the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee I would like better use of funding for committees, Zone Committees need less managers.

There needs to be more support for catchment coordinators in the catchment zones and for biodiversity coordinators - more people like Kennedy K Lange in the South Canterbury office.

I strongly support stewardship of water and land initiatives.

I wish to encourage the borrowing for the support of reserves.

I wish to support any actions that help reduce climate change effects.

I would like to speak to my submission.

Ngā mihi,
Kate White

