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SUBMISSION TO THE ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY 2021-2031 LONG TERM PLAN

Selwyn District Council (SDC) acknowledges the very positive and healthy relationship it has with Environment Canterbury (ECan) 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 Long Term 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. Protecting and improving freshwater including impact of implementing central government's essential freshwater package**
 - 1.1. Council acknowledges that work programme that ECan is proposing to undertake to implement government's new Essential Freshwater Package.
 - 1.2. In doing so, we will continue to be mindful of the impact that this Package has on the environment across our region, whilst at the same time noting potential economic impact on the agricultural sector which makes up the backbone of our economy. We have attached the 2017 report by Tim Davie and Simon Harris as a reminder of possible implications for the families and communities of Selwyn.
 - 1.3. We believe that the CWMS catchment approach to challenges and improvement is a better way to address fresh water issues rather than a one size fits all national decree. We encourage further strengthening of work with zone committees as the recent review has directed.
 - 1.4. We look forward to working with ECan at both officer and governance level.
 - 1.5. We encourage strong communication with our communities of interest, in order that the full impact of the package is understood.
 - 1.6. To enable the community to connect with Te Waihora we would encourage the construction of a walking and cycling track/trail around the lake. This trail will provide cultural, educational and other outcomes and will help show off the good work that is complete around the lake as well as growing support for further investment.
 - 1.7. We support the removal of private 4WD access to Te Waihora. Research presented to the Co Governors shows the biodiversity harm that even one pass of a vehicle is causing.

2. Introducing a low-emission public transport network

- 2.1. An enhanced public transport network across our regions is imperative to support strong growth and changing demographics throughout our communities.
- 2.2. It is equally important that we continue to commit to the introduction of low-emission vehicles.
- 2.3. SDC supports the ECan proposal to move to low and zero-emission vehicles.
- 2.4. As the vehicle fleet is replaced, we ask that strong consideration be given to buses that can be manufactured within our region to ensure greater local job creation, quality control, ease of maintenance, and removes the impediment around global shipping that our country currently faces.

3. Retaining public transport networks across Selwyn district (Southbridge, Leeston, Darfield and Kirwee)

- 3.1. SDC requests the use of a single zone fare structure for the District, and even for the wider Greater Christchurch area. For example in Selwyn this would address the issue with different fare zones positioned between Prebbleton and Lincoln that penalises public transport travel between these townships and to local schools.
- 3.2. SDC requests that a bus service be introduced between the Lincoln University and Halswell to cater for the increasing number of University students now living in the Halswell area, and other travellers between Lincoln and Halswell.
- 3.3. SDC has included in its 10-year plan the funding recommended by the “PT Futures” plan to improve district infrastructure for existing and new bus service upgrades. SDC is also supportive of the MRT Business Case work that will identify the future long term solution for public transport services, including how land use will have to play a part in the District.
- 3.4. Complementary to the continued roll-out of a low-emission public transport network across our district is the need to ensure the network supports communities within the transport corridor.
- 3.5. It is important to SDC that public transport networks from the Ellesmere and Malvern Wards into the city are maintained and indeed, where practical, enhanced. For example the Darfield service currently meets patronage expectations and we would now like to see a second service introduced to compliment the early leave, late home current service.
- 3.6. We would like to see new and increased services between our towns to enable people within Selwyn to move around without the need for more single occupant cars. Services that link Leeston and Darfield to Rolleston would be a good start.
- 3.7. SDC will be happy to work alongside ECan in the promotion of the benefit of an enhanced transport network across our communities.
- 3.8. SDC would be interested in trailing a possible on-demand My Way service, similar to what is being trialled in Timaru.

4. Continued investment in flood protection infrastructure

- 4.1. SDC supports the proposed investment that ECan has identified in its 10-year plan in the flood protection network.
- 4.2. Our region is prone to flooding, and has indeed, experienced a number of flooding incidents in recent years which the proposed investment will assist in mitigating.
- 4.3. We particularly want to see investment in the upper Waikirikiri Selwyn catchment. This includes the Waianiwi, Hororata and Hawkins rivers.

5. Engagement with community on climate change

- 5.1. SDC representatives sit alongside ECan representatives in both the Canterbury Mayoral Forum Climate Change working group, and at operational Council level.
- 5.2. We continue to give our support to the education of our communities on the effects (and potential opportunities) of climate change.
- 5.3. We are looking forward to receiving responses to climate change proposals shortly to be released to the community (It's time, Canterbury), and working collaboratively with ECan and other Councils in the implementation of mitigation measures.

6. Continuing to work with TAs to enhance community engagement

- 6.1. Given that we share a common ratepayer base, it is important to our two organisations, and indeed to the local government sector, that we continue to collaborate not only with each other at operational level, but also with our respective communities in sharing of information and education.
- 6.2. This collaborative approach will become even more important as additional legislative proposals are rolled out by Central Government, with a strong collective local voice needed on behalf of our communities in respect to implications, impediments and / or benefits.
- 6.3. Where practical, we will pursue opportunities to share information databases and welcome your cooperation in the same.

7. Continuing to work with landowners to enhance education on planning and land-use rules

- 7.1. We support the ECan initiative to continue to liaise with landowners, particularly in respect to changing legislation, and its impact on our rural-based economy.
- 7.2. We also see significant opportunity to collaborate on matters relating to biodiversity initiatives.
- 7.3. Encourage closer collaboration within GCP and amongst Canterbury Mayoral Forum members to engage more closely with central government on the future of Local Government
- 7.4. SDC supports a contestable fund for community groups undertaking local environmental projects

8. Mountains to Sea Cycleway Project

- 8.1. ECan led the development of the funding application to the National Cycleway Fund in 2009 for a cycleway project concept from Arthurs Pass to the sea, which included traversing ECan land along the banks of the Waikmakirikiri River in the Selwyn District.
- 8.2. SDC has proposed a budget to undertake a feasibility study in the 2022/2023 financial year of our LTP and would look forward to ECan's support if the result of the study is favourable, to progress this project.

9. Operational and Financial matters

- 9.1. We acknowledge the significant financial pressures that Councils are under to deliver appropriate environmental and cultural programmes to a growing community, noting the significant impact of central government proposals, together with changes in land-use across Canterbury and differing demographics and cultures.

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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