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Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?	Yes, I'm submitting on behalf of an organisation
Which organisation are you submitting on behalf of?	Project Oversight Group, Pest Free Banks Peninsula
Which age category are you in?	-
Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?	Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives
It is important that we hear what you would like to keep in the plan, what you think should be removed, and anything that you think we have missed?	
	Please see attached submission
Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:	
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Yes
Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on):	. Biodiversity and Biosecurity

Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below: -

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Kaikoura

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Hurunui

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waimakariri

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Christchurch

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Selwyn

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Ashburton

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Mackenzie

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Timaru

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waimate

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waitaki

Any further comments?

Please see attached submisison

Do you wish to speak to your submission? Yes

We may use your phone number to contact you to arrange attendance at a hearing. This information will be kept private.

Phone number

Would you like to be kept up-to-date with the outcome of this consultation? Yes

How did you find out about giving feedback? . Word of mouth

Your information is held and administered by Environment Canterbury in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and Environment Canterbury's Privacy Policy.

**There is personal information/contact details in
my submission I do not want disclosed:** No

9 April 2021

Dear Councillors,

Re: Draft Long Term Plan Submission from the project Oversight Group (POG) of the Pest Free Banks Peninsula / Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Partnership

This submission has been prepared and submitted by the PFBP Project Oversight Group.

Purpose of submission

This submission is made by the Project Oversight Group (POG) of the Pest Free Banks Peninsula/Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū and Port Hills Partnership.

The purpose of this submission is to assist the Council by describing the nature of the Partnership, the commitments made by participants, and the oversight role of the POG.

About Pest Free Banks Peninsula / Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū

PFBP is a partnership programme of 14 parties, including Environment Canterbury. The partnership was formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in November 2018.

Our aim is to enhance biodiversity, as well as providing cultural, social and economic benefits, by working together to eradicate mammalian pests from the Peninsula / Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū by 2050. This overarching goal is aspirational and inspirational: it will require commitment, collaboration and new methods beyond those currently available. Our approach is to work together, starting with the things we can achieve now, while innovating and adopting new methods as they become available.

Background

In 2017, the Banks Peninsula/Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū (including the Port Hills) Ecological Vision 2050 was launched. A range of organisations and agencies, including Environment Canterbury, already support the eight Ecological Goals set out in the Ecological Vision 2050. The Pest Free Goal is an integral part of the overall Ecological Vision.

The eight Goals are aspirational but achievable and are being used to guide conservation management work to result in a substantial improvement in the state of indigenous biodiversity on Banks Peninsula/Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū by 2050. The Goals build on and seek to implement Environment Canterbury's Regional Biodiversity Strategy (2008), the Christchurch City Council's Biodiversity Strategy 2008 – 2035, the Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan 2013, and the Banks Peninsula Zone Implementation Plan (2013).

Role of the Project Oversight Group

The parties agreed to work together at two levels. The Project Management Group comprises persons appointed by the Project Oversight Group for their knowledge/expertise and connections with key partners (including landowners).

The POG comprises appointees at senior governance level from key Parties who are responsible for: monitoring delivery of the project by the Project Management Group against the agreed strategy and targets; ensuring continued agency and funder support at the highest level; and providing a risk and audit function (including ensuring Health and Safety legal obligations are being met].

The POG currently comprises the following members:

- Mark Christensen – (Immediate past Chairperson, Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust)
- Andrew Turner (Deputy Mayor, Christchurch City Council)
- Lan Pham (Environment Canterbury Councillor)
- Rik Tainui (Chair, Onuku Rūnanga and representing all five Rūnanga)
- Nicola Toki (Regional Director, Department of Conservation)
- Mark Witehira (Senior Environmental Advisor, Te Rūnanga o Ngai Tahu)
- Jeff Bland (Selwyn District Councillor)

The POG meets three times a year.

Environment Canterbury's funding over the last two years has been key to establishing this project. The Council's funding commitment of \$3M over five years has enabled us to secure a further \$7M from other sources. For the rural ratepayers on the Peninsula who previously contributed to the community-initiated programme (CIP) for possum control, the contribution from other sources has grown from \$0.30 for every dollar they contributed, to \$20 for every dollar.

The effort which is now established will require a long-term financial commitment from participants to make it successful – including well beyond the life of this Long Term Plan – and gains will easily be lost if there isn't a continuing commitment.

Hearings

We would like to speak to this submission.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Christensen
Chair, PFBP Project Oversight Group