

Comments

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Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?	No, I'm submitting as an individual
Are you willing to tell us more about yourself?	Yes
Which age category are you in?	65+ years old
Which suburb or area do you live in?	
Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?	Yes
Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:	
Water and Land	Yes
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Yes
Climate Change and Community Resilience	Yes
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	Yes
Regional and Strategic Leadership	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

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

As ecosystem health continues to degrade, rivers and lakes become more polluted and biodiversity continues to disappear, it is time to put into practice some of the priorities listed in the original CWMS and Zone Committee documents. Another round of writing plans and reorganising staff structures achieves nothing except occupying those who write them. On the ground work is needed, such as that being managed by Donna Field, ECAN biodiversity officer in Ashburton, at the Ashburton/Hakatere Rivermouth. There is so little native biodiversity left on the plains of the Ashburton District that single plants on roadsides are highly significant - a situation that should cause considerable embarrassment to those of you who are making decisions about our environment. Similarly the sight of dry river beds should not be accepted as the norm, but as an opportunity to do much better!

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

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 . On-demand public transport services

The Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge is a pilot of environmental infrastructure to address water quality. To continue enhancing this infrastructure, the project would require ongoing targeted rates from the Ashburton district. Find out more [link]. Do you want to see this project continue? Yes

Any further comments on Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge? Yes

I would like to see the scheme continue in a much modified form that addresses the concerns that many have about nitrate levels and the pollution of aquifers, and about the degradation of waterways such as the Hinds and Rangitata Rivers. The farmers in this district are very innovative but their reliance on artificial fertilizers is causing a situation which may well leave a terrible public health legacy for future generations. The lack of an opportunity for public opinion to be part of the decision making process is undemocratic. Such a decision should not be made behind closed doors.

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

Do you wish to speak to your submission? No

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

How did you find out about giving feedback?

- . Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- . Environment Canterbury website
- . Newspaper
- . Meeting, hui or event

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