

## Comments

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Kia ora,

Please find attached a submission on behalf of Te Ara Kākāriki Greenway Canterbury Trust.

I would like to be heard in person regarding this submission.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi,

Letitia Lum  
Te Ara Kākāriki Coordinator



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**Contact:**

**Phone:**

**About Te Ara Kākāriki**

Te Ara Kākāriki are a charitable trust with the goal of enhancing native biodiversity by creating a 'Greenway' – or corridor of regenerated native Greendots between the Waimakiriri and Rakaia rivers, linking the Canterbury Foothills to the sea and Te Waihora / Lake Ellesmere. Since 2009 we have planted over 120,000 native plants at 104 public and privately owned Greendot sites. We run two programmes; the Greendot Programme and the Kids Discovery Plantout Programme.

Through the **Greendot Programme** we assist Selwyn landowners to establish native plantings on their property, providing them with support in the form of restoration planning, volunteer planting, and some funding for plants. Each year we hold four public planting events and several corporate planting days, providing opportunity to educate and involve Canterbury communities in improvement of their local environment.

The **Kids Discovery Plantout Programme** is an award-winning collaboration between Te Ara Kākāriki and Enviroschools. We provide an educational opportunity for Selwyn students to learn about native biodiversity through hands on experience and work with the schools to incorporate lessons into the curriculum. Through planting and monitoring days the students take on a role of kaitiakitanga for a local site and together contribute to restoring the native ecosystems.

We would like to acknowledge our positive relationship with Environment Canterbury who we have worked with on many restoration projects and who have provided financial support through various funding streams.

**Summary of our views on the Long Term Plan 2021 – 31**

- We generally agree that the proposed Long Term Plan prioritises the right issues and opportunities
- We would like to see Environment Canterbury proceed with: Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives
- We would like to speak at the public hearings with the council.



**Contestable Community Fund**

Te Ara Kākāriki strongly support initiatives to increase native biodiversity restoration such as the creation of a contestable community fund to support environmental projects as outlined in the Option 1 package. Sourcing funds is an ongoing drain on conservation group resources making long term planning difficult. In relation to a Contestable Fund, we would like to see:

- An application process and response 18 months in advance of projects being carried out to allow restoration planning and nurseries to grow ecosourced plants.
- Allowing multiyear applications to allow organisations to plan ahead.
- The contestable Community Fund to be increased and continue for the whole 10-year plan.

**Increased Enviroschools funding**

Te Ara Kākāriki strongly support ECan increasing funds to deliver Enviroschools to 40 additional schools as outlined in the Option 1 package.

Our partnership with Enviroschools enables us to provide a comprehensive experience for students taking part in the Kids Discovery Plantout Programme. Together we create a bespoke educational programme that is incorporated into the school curriculum, Enviroschools begins the environmental lessons in the classroom, and these are reinforced through hands on activity during the Kids Discovery Plantout and Monitoring Days.

We are aware of multiple schools eager to take part in the Kids Discovery Plantout Programme who are on the waitlist to become Enviroschools. If they become Enviroschools our programme will be of more educational value to them.

**Other comments**

Te Ara Kākāriki request a regular grant agreement with ECan for us to assist Selwyn landowners through the Greendot programme and provide environmental education through the Kids Discovery Plantout Programme and volunteer Canterbury Plantouts.

ECan has been a consistent supporter of our projects, and in the past 2 years have provided funding of \$45,000 towards eight separate projects. Additionally, we have used funds sourced elsewhere to provide the Kids Discovery Plantout alongside other ECan projects. For each of these projects both Te Ara Kākāriki and ECan put in numerous hours of administration time that could be reduced if we had an ongoing grant arrangement.

Te Ara Kākāriki have consistently proven to be capable of carrying out restoration projects successfully and our work compliments ECan's biodiversity priorities of regenerating the environment and engaging with communities. We plant at a variety of plant community habitats, including wetland, waterway regeneration projects that all contribute to ECan's biodiversity goals. We propose a ten-year agreement with ECan to provide a \$30,000 annual grant to contribute towards our Greendot and Kids Discovery Plantout Programmes. With this we could provide the following:

- Restoration planning for landowners
- Funds for landowner plant grants
- Kids Discovery Plantout days
- A Community plantout

A grant like this would enable us to use more of our current resources on native restoration work and community engagement rather than on administration time spent applying for and reporting on multiple smaller grants. Restoration projects ideally have a lead in time of 18 months to allow for site selection, restoration planning and ordering of plants. A long-term agreement with ECan would allow us security to commit to projects well ahead of time and allow nurseries to be prepared for upcoming plant orders.

I look forward to discussing this at the upcoming hearings.

Ngā mihi,

Letitia Lum  
Te Ara Kākāriki Coordinator