

## Comments

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Please find attached our submission on the 2021 LtP

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11 April 2021

Canterbury Regional Council

BY EMAIL:

Feedback on the Canterbury Regional Council Long Term Plan Te Pae Tawhiti  
2021/31

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the LTP plan

We do not wish to be heard at a hearing

### **General Comments**

We fully support Option one.

Although the rate increase is substantial, we consider that it is vital to address the much needed, and overdue, protection of our environment now and not leave it for future generations to deal with as this would not only be unfair but also more costly.

We consider that the climate change response should be the overarching priority and therefore be elevated. Everything is dependent, the changing climate is affecting our indigenous biodiversity; biosecurity risks are increasing; it impacts on freshwater, the coastal environment and the ocean. Our wellbeing depends on a healthy environment.

We are involved in various aspects of pest control on our property as well as various other areas on private and public land. There is an urgent need to increase biosecurity funding to ensure native species and their habitat is maintained and enhanced.

Weeds in riverbeds are an urgent matter, as considerable habitat has been lost in our braided rivers through the invasion of plant pests, where predators add an extra burden on the wildlife that is dependent on the open braided river systems.

Wallaby eradication is also a high priority, we witness massive biodiversity loss in conservation areas where we help with plant and animal pest control. Secured funding to eradicate this introduced species is essential to avoid canopy collapse in our native forest and bush remnants.

Other pests that require urgent attention are: Lupins, Canadian geese and feral cats. These need to be included in the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan as pests.

Lupins massively reduce biodiversity values in many places. While DOC does control lupins in some areas, a concerted effort region wide is the only way to effectively get on top of this invasive species.

Feral cats have a massive impacts on the native biodiversity, there is enough research to show the effects on long-tailed bats, lizards, birds and invertebrates. Canadian geese affect many land areas as well as freshwater lakes and streams.

We are hugely concerned about the indigenous biodiversity loss in our region. Although we have a Biodiversity Strategy for the Canterbury Region, this document has been sitting on a shelf for far too long. We consider an effective way to protect and enhance what is valued requires resourcing to implement what is required to achieve appropriate protection and enhancement. Action is needed now, volunteers cannot do it all.

Freshwater management has been on the radar for a long time, progress in terms of better outcomes for the environment is not evident. Climate change is having an effect, we need science based guidance on these issues. We consider the water zone committees being ineffective and do not support the continuation.

A recent public meeting in Christchurch clearly showed the adverse effects of nitrate in groundwater. While little research has been undertaken in New Zealand, we should learn from other countries and avoid making the same mistakes. A healthy environment means healthy people. Avoiding an excessive nitrate loading is a more effective approach to the issue than a “mop up” solution which is difficult to achieve and requires resources from a wider field than just the polluters.

A “burning issue”, each year, we ring the hotline with regards to stubble burning during the summer and autumn. Other OECD countries have banned this practice a long time ago. It is bad for human health and the environment. This practice needs to be banned. Restorative farming practises will have some better ways of dealing with the stubble as a resource rather than a waste product.