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Submission to Environment Canterbury Long - term Plan 2021-31

Pam Richardson

I wish to be heard

11th April 2021

I thank Environment Canterbury for the opportunity to review the Long - term Plan 2021-31.

The Long - term Plan each year is getting more complicated seems to be developed without any community input . We are then expected to read it understand the vast range of issues and be able to 'have the time' to comment on what is being proposed.

The consultation document is a coffee table book - lots of aspirational text and amazing photographs . We are invited to access the full plan but we have poor internet connection in Holmes Bay and I am often unable to download the large documents including having access to the mapping options etc.

The Vision and purpose ' taking action together to shape a thriving and resilient Canterbury now and for future generations ' is a statement we need to ensure is the focus of any work programmes, workshops and working in the community .

In the present environment there are less opportunities for discussion and debate - we are not providing platforms anymore to move forward and resolve . Farmers are doing their very best and we have been very successful in a number of areas bringing communities together with a common goal of learning and doing more . We need to build on that progress . It needs to be lead by the right people and with the ability to share information .

In order to learn we need to be calm and we need to continue to find new ways of doing things .

I have spent many many years working in collaboration with others . The Banks Peninsula community has many examples - BPCT , Pest Liaison Committees and the eradication of TB in possums and cattle , Banks Peninsula

Water Zone Implementation Plan , Change 6 of the Land and Water Plan , the ongoing Eradication of Feral Goats . I do not want to see this goodwill eroded - I want to see it built on.

The intervention by Government in a range of issues and rising pressures to address a wider range of Iwi issues without community input is decreasing our understanding of the issues and our local democracy . There is anger, despair , disbelief over whelming any meaningful progress. *We urgently need to reflect on how we do things together.*

The new National Freshwater rules will undermine the work of the Water Zone committees and the many hours we have worked to identify issues and providing guidance in moving forward .

The Banks Peninsula Water Zone Committee was an opportunity I really value . It allowed us to sit beside our local Runungas - we stood in their shoes, we listened and experienced their hurt and how we could work together to resolve . It is all about sound relationships and building trust.

I urge Environment Canterbury to seek an outcome where we build on our earlier work in the Canterbury Water Management Strategy . Environment Canterbury with the support of District Councils has invested millions in the development of the plans *and its community* . It has been an amazing collaboration and we cannot afford to waste \$1.

Each community will have a different aspiration and focus - what do you drop. Resolving everything at once and too many issues will 'burnout ' communities . For me Biodiversity and Biosecurity is very important . We have rich biodiversity and I believe that our greatest Banks Peninsula threat is the explosion we are seeing of weeds including garden escapees impacting our significant indigenous vegetation.

I am seeing little progress with the new Biosecurity Advisory Group - we are just learning of some of the issues at this stage . It is a long process and if we are going to make progress we have to develop a vision / strategy and guidance for Banks Peninsula .

The Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust have a document that could be the starter - reviewed and be the basis for a plan . We need to protect our biodiversity from both animal and plant pests .

I look forward to another good Banks Peninsula community outcome - a weeds programme for Banks Peninsula .

Sent from my iPad