

Comments

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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?	Spencerville Residents Association
Are you willing to tell us more about yourself?	No
Which age category are you in?	-
Which suburb or area do you live in?	
Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?	Yes
Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?	Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives
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):

- . Water and Land
- . Biodiversity and Biosecurity
- . Climate Change and Community Resilience
- . Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
- . Regional and Strategic Leadership

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

Do you wish to speak to your submission? No

How did you find out about giving feedback?

From:
To:
Subject: LTP Submission
Date: Sunday, 11 April 2021 7:32:59 pm
Attachments: [Spencerville Residents Association Environment Canterbury LTP.docx](#)

Attached is a submission from the Spencerville Residents Association

Regards

Craig Pawsey

President

Long Term Plan - Environment Canterbury submission

From the Spencerville Residents Association.

President: Craig Pawsey

Do you think we have prioritised the right issues and opportunities?

Yes

Any further comments

We believe you should be doing your absolute best with the possible resources to protect and revitalise our environment in Canterbury.

We support all the pest control and believe this should be funded more in our area of Spencerville.

Likewise we believe you should be allocating resources to protect our river, its water quality and the surrounding environment.

We believe resourcing should be available to make sure that the water is of a quality which can support all types of aquatic life including indigenous species such as the native eel.

We believe ECan has a role in all aspects of the Styx river environmental protection alongside the CCC . This should be carried out by ECan under its mandate to create a sustainable Canterbury.

Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?

Option 1 please.

This is because it allows for urgent work to protect our environment and to allocate resources towards climate change matters including reducing public transport carbon emissions.

With regard to climate change we think the Council is headed in the right direction as we will face more floods and extreme weather and will need to be well prepared with more work in all our river beds such as that proposed through the braided river projects.

In particular we support more work on the stop banks around the Waimakariri River.

We consider further work should be done in area of the Brooklands lagoon to protect our lives in the event of a major flood. In the past the water has flooded through the lagoon out to sea and into our camping group area. This is particularly an issue when the high water level coincides with high tides.

We support the biodiversity work planned and the pest work.

Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios

Water and Land - Yes

Biodiversity and biosecurity - Yes

Air quality transport and urban development - Yes

Climate change and community resilience - yes

Regional and Strategic leadership - yes

Water and Land

Yes we say fix our water and remove the high level of nitrogen in our creeks and rivers. We want more urgent work toward solutions which make the waterways ecologically sustainable for all life in this regard.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity

We would like a fully funded pest management project to target our local area by building on what our volunteers are already doing

We want our bird species to be able to breed safely with high levels of bird eggs hatching and the chicks becoming fully fledged. We are working with community volunteers on pest eradication but it needs to be further funding. We would like a third line of traps for Spencerville area along the Styx River.

We believe there is an urgent need for more nursery plants to help volunteers plant out natives on the Styx River and other creeks in the local area.

We would also like to eradicate invasive weeds in the river.

We need a large increase in native plantings along the Waimakariri lagoon area.

We need removal of wilding pines in our area.

In particular we support the Me uru Rakau project with its plan to increase planting and restore regional biodiversity. It will benefit water quality, erosion, mahinga kai, community engagement and climate change responses

Air Quality, transport and urban development

We support all work to improve our air quality.

Transport needs to be developed with more access to public buses. Buses should be moved to electric as soon as possible.

More bus routes and park and ride on the edge of the city. For example at Northwood and Prestons there is no area to park for an entire day.

A bus route in this area would be attractive with park and ride facilities in this area.

We support more off road bike ways and really like the new bikeway beside the new motorway in our area.

Can you advocate to and work collaboratively with the City Council to upgrade the Golf road area be upgraded so that cyclists don't have to use Lower Styx road area between Parklands and Spencerville

Regional and strategic leadership comments

We really support Enviro schools for all schools to help children learn about our environment and how to protect it.

We also support the additional engagement staff to ensure the community is involved more directly in the decision making process and we have good consultation.

Is the rates increase affordable for your household? -No comment

Is the rates affordable across Canterbury? - No comment

Do you support the changes we are proposing to how we apply uniform annual general charges?

No comment

Borrowing

Can be used to spread the burden of cost over several years. -No comment

Fees and charges- No comment

Local projects and new initiatives

Timaru My way transport

No comment – local area issue

Hekeao Hinds managed aquifer recharge- No comment – local area issues

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

On-demand public transport

Yes for our local area to help people get around especially the elderly and students

Students should be given free bus travel in this way they will get into the habit of using the bus and will not necessarily rely on car travel in the future thereby helping reduce carbon emissions.

Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality - Not relevant

Other initiatives

We would like to see more projects to protect our environment.

We would appreciate a follow up on each of our points below:

A. In particular we consider more ECan general rates for water should be spent in the Christchurch city and other urban areas where a high proportion of the rates are collected.

B. We support the following projects and would like them considered in the LTP deliberations:

1. **Pest control initiatives** using the latest technology in the Styx Catchment area
2. **Tree planting and nursery development in the local area especially along the Waimakariri lagoon which is part of the river.**
3. **We would like to see consideration of up to \$1million dollars of ECan rates** to support the work of the Styx Source to the Sea restoration project being coordinated by the Styx Living Laboratory Trust.

4. Consideration of the **establishment of an Environment Canterbury Nursery** on the land owned by ECan at Kainga alongside a community group such as Trees for Canterbury which would be a great employment and planting scheme. This would help with the Styx source to the sea riparian plantings and the Otukaikino community organisations extension planting project by providing a readily available source of suitable plants for their biodiversity planting work.

5. We support the **Otukaikino project** to plant all the waters behind Belfast from the Groynes over to Chaney's corner. ECan should invest in that to work with a local community group and this would provide more opportunities for local volunteers to do the plantings.

6. **Planting should be done from the ECan owned land at Kainga** down through the Chaney's forest to the sea and the Waimakariri stop bank area at the lagoon and along its edge.

7. ECan should have a **policy of actively creating low cost recreational opportunities** on all its land. More access to the river and a small boat ramp/jetty at Spencerville. Also for as bike, horse and walking access tracks.

8. **We consider further work should be done in area of the Waimakariri lagoon to protect our lives in the event of a major flood.** In the past the water has flooded through the lagoon out to sea and into our camping group area. This is particularly an issue when the high water level coincides with high tides.

We do not wish to be heard

Signed
Chairperson:
Craig Pawsey