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engagement with the Lake in a way that promotes healthy recreation.

We intend to establish additional cycle/walkways to facilitate access to and along the Lake with the ultimate goal of enabling a circum-lake route. We are therefore **seek that funds be set aside in the LTP and the annual plan to assist that to occur.** These additional walkways/cycleways would include associated biodiversity improvements and educational opportunities. As important is that they would enable community members opportunities for active engagement in restoration activities and recreation and learning in places currently inaccessible in a practical sense.

We are therefore supportive of community funds being made available to assist with specific projects as proposed in the LTP.

The Trust looks forward to continuing to work with ECan over the coming years on a number of ongoing projects, notably with the biennial **Living Lake Symposium** the first of which was held in 2007. The next one is scheduled for November 2021 and **we request that the Council budget make adequate provision for supporting the Symposium** as it has in the past, both in kind and in cash. This should be part of the ongoing operational budget and not a community fund project.

In the past the Trust has employed a manager to assist in obtaining and administering funds and operationalising projects. This has enabled the Trust to bring significant funds from outside the region to assist with projects like environmental restoration. The ability of voluntary community organisations to achieve these outcomes is largely due to **grant funds that are not tied to specific projects.** We consider such grants funding to support community groups operationally is something that ECan needs to consider as a means to support communities to engage and develop projects.

We are pleased to see inclusion of funding for the overdue revamp of the regional coastal plan. Te Waihora lies within the coastal environment and is opened directly into the coastal marine area we look forward to working with ECan on the coastal plan as it moves forward.

We also remain committed to participating with the Lake opening protocol and other initiatives by ECan to build the cooperation with other groups and agencies working for similar or related goals to those of the Trust within the catchment.

As the Trust does not own land and does not pay rates it is inappropriate for it to comment on such areas or express a preference for either of the options presented in the LTP discussion document, or otherwise comment on matters outside the ambit of the Trusts Objects.

Yours sincerely

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