

## Comments

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Dear Sir/Madam

Attached please find Mackenzie District Council's submission on your Long-Term Plan 2021-31.

Mackenzie District Council wishes to be heard in support of its submission.

*Ngā mihi / Kind regards,*



**Suzette van Aswegen** | Chief Executive Officer

Mackenzie District Council |

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## Mackenzie District Council

9 April 2021

### **Mackenzie District Council Submission to the Environment Canterbury Regional Council Long Term Plan**

1. The Mackenzie District Council (MDC) thanks the Environment Canterbury Regional Council for the opportunity to submit on the draft 10-year plan.
2. In this submission, MDC has provided comment on areas of specific interest to our Council and communities.

#### **Comment on consultation matters**

3. In principle, MDC support the enhanced package outlined in Option 1, which we consider appropriate to meet minimum requirements while addressing opportunities for addressing some of the big issues facing Canterbury. In particular we are supportive of your action towards addressing climate change and community resilience. Notwithstanding this, we wish to make specific comment on matters pertaining to MDC as detailed in this submission.

#### **Biodiversity and Biosecurity**

4. MDC is supportive of the work being done within the Biodiversity and Biosecurity Portfolio. We acknowledge and appreciate Environment Canterbury's continuing collaboration with Canterbury councils, community groups and other interested parties through the Biosecurity Advisory Groups and Biodiversity Strategy Advisory Group.
5. We encourage Environment Canterbury to maintain its commitment to these biodiversity and biosecurity advisory groups. MDC would like to see improved opportunities for alignment between these advisory groups and the workstreams of biodiversity and biosecurity within the Canterbury Region.

#### **Braided River Revival**

6. MDC is supportive of Environment Canterbury's intention to undertake braided river revival work within the region and the biodiversity benefits which will arise from this.
7. However, we are concerned about the extent of pending restrictions on gravel takes. The Mackenzie District has a large portion of unsealed road, with 518km of unsealed road consisting 70% of our local road network. Maintaining this requires MDC to work collaboratively with Environment Canterbury to ensure that gravel extractions are appropriately managed while meeting demand. In the last year, MDC applied 28,117m<sup>3</sup> of gravel to 168km of our unsealed roads. As well as supporting the selective removal of gravel from waterways where flood risk is increased by gravel accumulation, we seek to use sustainably sourced gravel. Should

alternative sources outside of Canterbury be required, this will come at a significant cost to our community and have a negative impact on our carbon footprint.

8. We encourage Environment Canterbury to work collaboratively with MDC and other Canterbury councils, to identify sustainable sources of gravel, which can effectively reduce flood risk, while also identifying opportunities to support braided river revival.

### **Public Transport and Transportation**

9. MDC supports the provision of public transport in principle. As a smaller territorial authority with a largely rural character, we would encourage Environment Canterbury to consider opportunities to support mode shift throughout the Canterbury Region, including walking and cycling. In particular, we seek that the Regional Land Transport Plan give a more equitable weighting to transportation requirements, including freight and rural traffic, and mode shift.

### **Mackenzie Basin Alignment**

10. MDC appreciate the support of Environment Canterbury in improving interagency alignment within the Mackenzie Basin. We encourage Environment Canterbury to remain committed to this, and other opportunities for improved agency alignment and cooperation.

### **Catchment Collectives**

11. MDC commends recent efforts to establish and support catchment collectives within South Canterbury. We support the work of Catchment Collectives in freshwater management.
12. MDC have previously expressed concern about the operation of the CWMS Zone Committees, due to affordability and increasing expectations on MDC support of these Committees. MDC encourages Environment Canterbury to consider disestablishment of CWMS Zone Committees, in light of the establishment of Catchment Committees, and seeks that any review or changes be undertaken in a collaborative manner.

### **Conclusion**

13. Thank you once again for the opportunity to make a submission to your 10-year plan.
14. We wish to be heard in support of our submission. In the meantime, if you have any queries in relation to our submission, please contact Katherine Hill, Senior Corporate Planner on

Yours sincerely

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**Mayor**

James Leslie  
**Chair, Strategy Committee**