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Date: Saturday, 10 April 2021 1:07:25 pm
Attachments: [Environment Canterbury Long Term Plan Submission.pdf](#)

Please find attached my submission to Ecan Long Term Plan Te Pae Tawhiti 2021 – 31

Regards
Malcolm King

Name of Submitter: Malcolm G S King

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I **do not** wish to speak to my submission.

I support the funding model outlined in option 1 with the proviso that:

“When a resource consent application is received by the council, we conduct an assessment of its environmental effects. If the environmental effects are more than minor, the resource consent will require public notification under [Section 95A of the Resource Management Act](#).”

That this proviso be applied to all decisions that have consequences for public health and the environment, and in particular to all decisions relating to granting of renewal, or new consents that will further degrade and prevent the remediation of the damage currently being caused to Canterbury’s rivers and aquifers.

My reasons for my concerns are:

As was predicted by soil science, the Canterbury plains are totally unsuited for the nutrient loadings and water extraction required by intensified dairy operations.

No amount of improvement in farming practices under individual GMPs will result in appreciable improvement in the current level of damage, or prevent further deterioration.

Renewal of consents should require the resolve to cancel them if the outcome of damage to the environment is more than minimal. Otherwise, what was the point of the consented term?

Partnership consultation with Ngai Tahu no longer provides effective Kaitiakitanga given their involvement in commercial intensified farming practices.

I believe the decisions made by political and industry leaders to reach this situation are as flawed as those that led to the leaky homes disaster.

Therefore, I support:

That the Ecan Long Term Plan prioritises all initiatives to change the farming practices in its region by;

Supporting regenerative farming practices that have proven to have minimal environmental impact without loss of economic benefit to farmers.

Ensure educational institutions (Lincoln, Massey) provide research and training in regenerative farming and development of alternative and more suitable crops.

Eg; Industrial hemp for fibre and nutritional seed.

Restricting the application of fertiliser to our high country farms above the catchment of our pristine alpine lakes. (Plus, enact a change to the OIO requirement that new owners of high country stations increase their productivity when the only means by this can be achieved is by significant increase in the application of artificial fertiliser.)

Our lakes are in danger of the eutrophication that has occurred to those in the North Island and Hauraki Gulf, as evidenced by the emergence of *Lindavia Intermedia* (Lake Snow).

I appreciate that given the investment and proliferation of intensive dairy farming in the Canterbury region has placed Ecan in an unenviable position to deal with the serious detrimental environmental impacts we are experiencing today.

However, having done an excellent job on remediating Christchurch's air quality, now is the time to apply similar resolve to water!