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Chris Hutching submission on Environment Canterbury Long Term Plan

April 8, 2021

Chris Hutching

1/ I oppose the proposed \$57.50 “..removal of wrecks/abandoned vessels...” levy to be imposed on all swing mooring owners (LTP - Fees and Charges Section. P268).

2/ I have owned a small yacht of minimal value on a mooring at Purau since 1978. I have never heard of wrecks being a problem in the Purau mooring area where I am also a member of the Purau Mooring Association which inspects and maintains chains and blocks at Purau by charging an annual fee of \$164 to owners.

3/ The harbourmaster last year DOUBLED the annual mooring fee to \$230. Any potential additional expenditure required should be found within this 100% increased fee.

4/ Ecan has recently increased the specifications for mooring chains and block inspections at considerable expense to mooring owners, in the interests of mooring safety.

5/ The regional council does not seek to recoup the removal of cars from riverbeds, or rubbish from the environment by targeting the expense at a particular user group which has no responsibility over actions by individuals.

6/ Removing derelict boats benefits everyone in the region whether they are a mooring owner or not.

7/ This is a matter that is the responsibility of individual boat owners, their insurers and general ratepayers

8/ The regional council maintains records of all swing moorings and attached vessels for which mooring owners are already charged a considerable fee, and therefore should be able to readily identify any owners responsible for wrecks.

9/ The council requires vessels to be registered and to display their registration details – why are derelict vessel owners not traceable ?

10/ If there is any problem with wrecks Ecan should either levy all boat owners including marina berth holders and recreational users of the public slipways or none.

Ecan should require insurance cover for all mooring owners, the vast majority already have it, and require all new purchasers of moorings to sign a document acknowledging responsibility should their boat sink.