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Attached is my submission to Environment Canterbury Long Term Plan 2021-31.

Please note I wish to speak on the submission.

Lindsay Carswell

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Submission to Environment Canterbury:

Long Term Plan 2021-31

Introduction

When writing this submission it was of interest to read the Draft Submission from the Christchurch City Council meeting 8/4/21, Agenda Item 19:

Draft Submission on Environment Canterbury's Long Term Plan 2021-31

5.5.5 Freshwater management: the submission notes the critical importance of giving effect to national environmental standards and national policy statements on water, air and land use planning. It also recommends (as we have done in past submissions) the provision of adequate funding to enable robust statutory processes to protect our freshwater resources. The draft submission underlines the importance of giving effect to the core principle of the 2020 National Policy Statement on Freshwater, Te Mana o te Wai, and the role robust science and strong compliance monitoring will play in this. It also seeks clarification of the level of funding for protecting freshwater resources, generally, and for Te Waihora Co-Governance, in particular.

Increasing Costs

It is clear from the Council draft submission there are concerns regarding the level of funding *for protecting freshwater resources, generally, and for Te Waihora Co-Governance, in particular.*

It is likely there will be increasing costs for ECan over the coming years relating to freshwater management and land use planning.

However, it is unreasonable and unfair to charge people a fee for something they neither created or benefited financially from.

The polluter pays principle

In environmental law, the polluter pays principle is enacted to make the party responsible for producing pollution responsible for paying for the damage done to the natural environment. It is regarded as a regional custom because of the strong support it has received in most Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and European Union countries. It is a fundamental principle in US environmental law.

Conclusion

The impacts of this policy change should be borne by the polluters.

Lindsay Carswell

11 April 2021