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To Whom it may concern.

Turley Farms wish to make a submission to the Annual Plan.

Turley Farms is a larger Arable and vegetable farming operation with Land Holdings in three different areas all in the ECan area – being Temuka, Rangitata and Chertsey.

For the last 12 months Turley Farms paid Timaru District Council and Ashburton District Council \$233,179 in rates a sizeable portion of this was collected on behalf of ECan.

We pride ourselves with producing large volumes of affordable food for a lot of people. We can't charge enormous prices for our produce.

Our business is no different in a lot of ways to ECan – we have ever increasing costs.

We are unable to just pass these on. We are required to be very disciplined in our cost control.

There are three main parts of making our business profitable

- 1) Cost control
- 2) Maximising production
- 3) High level of productivity

If ECan were to adhere to these three principles maybe the increase could be a more palatable number.

We are unable to remedy the historic damage that has been done. This cannot be rectified overnight. We must therefore move in the right direction to arrest the wrongs and make changes at a sensible pace.

Science is an important part of the pathway forward – we must give science time to provide the solutions. This must not be emotional – but science based.

We are not judged by the problem – we will be judged by the solutions we put in place.

Water and Land – Budget \$41.67 mill

The area of concern is the huge change in the quantum budgeted for Fresh Water Resilience – close to 30% over the two years.

We must accept there have been some accounting changes to be corrected but we feel the increase for Fresh Water Resilience is too large.

Climate Change and Community Resilience- Budgeted \$33.41 mill

The concern for this area is there appears to be little structure in the proposed expenditure.

We will not get instant results – science will take time.

Our concern is having a large surplus in this budgeted area.

Air Quality, Transport and Air Quality – Budgeted \$99.52 mill

90 plus % of this sector is Transport.

I am unsure where the grants come from.

We accept you have issues like the rest of us have problems recruiting drivers along with the lack of patronage associated with COVID – please spare a thought for all of us in business with it be on Farm or a Business in the City – we have had the same or similar problems but we have been unable to just increase charges – we all need to tighten our belts and endeavour to work within the normal business principles as outlined above.

Please relook at the budgeted number and make some savings.

Regional and Strategic Leadership – Budgeted \$45.43 mill

26% increase over 2 years we find unacceptable – reducing the user pay portion of the budget is unpalatable – please relook at the budgeted number.

More of the charges need to rest with the users of the services provided.

Now is the time to show leadership – control costs, work more efficient and lift productivity.

Best Wishes in making savings and thus reducing our projected rates increase.

Thank you for taking the time to read our submission against large rate increases.

Regards

Murray and Margaret Turley

– Directors Turley Farms.

Murray A Turley



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