

# Glossary

**Activity** - a good or service provided by, or on behalf of, a local authority or council-controlled organisation; and includes the performance of regulatory and other governmental functions.

**Community Outcomes** - the outcomes for the Canterbury region that are identified as priorities for the time being. These outcomes reflect the combined aspirations of people within Canterbury and as such belong to the community and not to Environment Canterbury. See Appendix 2.

**Funding and Financial Policies** - these describe how the council's work will be paid for and the mechanisms for gathering the funds (such as general rate, targeted rates, user-charges, grants).

**General Rate** - a rate levied across all properties for activities that benefit the whole region.

**Grants** - are available from central Government and statutory organisations where there are national benefits or the grants are part of a policy to promote a particular activity or project.

**Group of activities** - one or more related activities provided by, or on behalf of, Environment Canterbury and council-controlled organisations.

**Levels of service** - the defined services being delivered in the community in each group of activities. They are described in terms of measures and targets.

**Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP or Community Plan)** - Environment Canterbury must, at all times, have a LTCCP which covers a period of not less than 10 consecutive financial years. It includes descriptions of the activities Environment Canterbury will engage in over the life of the LTCCP, why Environment Canterbury plans to engage in its activities, and how those activities are to be funded.

**Measures** - these describe the “units of measurement” to be used to report progress towards achieving community outcomes and delivery of levels of service.

**Resource Management Charges** - Environment Canterbury charges for services associated with managing the natural environment. These services include processing and monitoring resource consents, and preparing and changing the Regional Policy Statement and regional plans.

**Runanga** - local representative groups. A Maori equivalent of local government formed to protect and defend the rangitiratanga, the turangawaewae and cultural and social values of their members.

**Tangata whenua** - people of the land, the people who hold the turangawaewae and the manuhenua in an area, according to tribal and hapu custom.

**Targeted rate** - a rate levied for activities that benefit only a part of the region (previously called “separate rates”).

**TAs** - territorial authorities - includes all district and city councils.

**User-pays** - where an individual benefits directly from a service, or creates the need for a service, then appropriate fees and charges are made.

**Well-being** - councils are required to consider the future well-being of the community when they plan their activities. This involves social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being.



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