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Portfolio: Better water management
Action: Conditional support

Full Name	Submission summary	Action officer evaluation	Recommendation
Richard Wheeler	Ongoing policing of dairy farmers' effluent levels and waterways that are part of their properties so they are fenced off or protected.	The request to continue monitoring of dairy farms is noted. The rules we are putting in place will progressively require more from farmers through farm environment plans and nutrient budgets.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Leigh Davidson	<p>Improve the region's water quality at the Ashley River and Lake Pegasus for recreational swimming, and further afield at Lake Hood, Ashburton.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduce or restrict companies' allowable discharge into the Ashley River. - Maintain the water quality at Pegasus Lake - control the lake weed. - Allow a swimming area at Lake Roto Kohatu where water quality is already of a high standard. 	Support for continued improvement in swimming opportunities is noted. Recreation is one of the ten target areas of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy and we will pass the specific suggestions on to the relevant zone committees for inclusion in their work programmes.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr Bruce Smith	You seem to be doing good on improving water quality. Please police the offenders so they pay for the clean-ups.	Support is noted, along with submitter's request to continue policing those who break the rules.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Brian Lilburn	More natural growth around the margins of streams and rivers. Less expansion and intensification of dairying. More areas free for horticulture or wetlands.	<p>Through the Biodiversity and CWMS portfolios we hope to encourage substantial planting and wetland protection. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury.</p> <p>Our role, as a regional council, is to manage the effects of an industry, such as the dairy industry; it is not our role to determine whether an industry occurs or not.</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Suzan Blackstock	The water management document reads as a fine start. To do this, more field officers are needed on the ground.	Support is noted. Our increased expenditure in the CWMS will result in more officers on the ground.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
John	Reduce contaminants from roadways and urban properties. Introduce charges per 1,000m ³ water used on farms to	Your suggestions all align with initiatives under the Canterbury Water Management Strategy. The only concept we cannot pursue is charging	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long

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Sheppard	encourage more efficient water usage. Reduce contribution of N and P levels before intensive land use occurs. Prosecution may be needed.	for water.	Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
AW and PA Tritt	Given the scale of proposed irrigation and central Government's virtual subsidy for such schemes, ECan's role becomes more important. It should be to lead opinion and not wait 'till the community tells us to act'. Avoid the assumption that increased dairying is the best option and actively encourage alternative food production.	Your views are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Stuart Payne	Rural initiatives: I support these initiatives but consider they are not strong enough. While encouragement is a better approach than outright regulation, the issue of declining water quality and the fact that the limits agreed on are already a compromise that is less than the ideal, means Environment Canterbury must do more than encourage. With regards to compliance plans, yes, these are necessary, but specific dates for the production of compliance plans must be part of the overall strategy. Urban initiatives: I support the proposal. Sharing costs with the community: Targeted stream augmentation as part of the delivery of the CWMS should be funded by targeted rates. Farming must pay the true costs of such and nowhere is this more applicable than in the case of dairy farming.	Your comment on the need for regulation on water quality is noted. We definitely agree with the need to do more than encourage. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. We are now requiring all farmers to have Farm Environment Plans, and these will need to be audited. Thank you for your support for local rating of initiatives such as targeted stream augmentation.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Janice Donaldson	Yes to water quality, but consider the value of dairying given the high cost of production if all water costs were imputed. Protect our aquifers at all costs.	Your views are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Lesley Shand	Better water management: I support the proposals. All drinking water must stay at that standard. All water that is not at a drinking standard must improve to swimming standard, while all drinking water must stay at drinking standard. Nitrogen: It is not acceptable that irrigators and cows urinating	Your support for proposals to improve water quality is noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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	increase nitrogen. Nitrogen levels should not increase.		
Mr Lionel Hume Federated Farmers Combined Canterbury Branch	<p>That Council continues to implement the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.</p> <p>That the rates to fund this group of activities are targeted to reflect the wider community.</p> <p>That land-user groups seeking solutions to environmental issues identified by the wider community are worthy of support, including appropriate resourcing.</p> <p>That Council provides leadership at a regional level on the development of a regional-scale water infrastructure.</p> <p>That Council fully recognises the social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits of rural water infrastructure development.</p> <p>It is important to continue with scientific investigations and modelling to better understand our water resources.</p> <p>Resources must be provided to enable and support zone committees.</p> <p>That groups directly affected by proposed changes in limits will be communicated to and consulted with directly.</p> <p>That expert advice from the primary sector is used when zone committees are discussing/making decisions.</p>	<p>The support for continued implementation of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy is noted. The submission asks that the rates are targeted to reflect that many of the outcomes are for the benefits of communities as a whole, but doesn't say whether or not the current rating system meets that requirement.</p> <p>This submitter asks that land user groups are able to get resourcing. The Long Term Plan does not have budget for direct cash support, but the Zone Implementation Programme will provide staff time to assist such groups.</p> <p>The submitter asks for the Council to show leadership on regional-scale water infrastructure, but does not identify any new work in addition to what is proposed in the Regional Water Infrastructure Programme.</p> <p>The submitter asks Council to recognise positive social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits, but again, does not say what more the Council can do than it is doing already.</p> <p>We agree with the importance of all the work on regional water infrastructure. Similarly, we agree with the importance of scientific investigations and monitoring to better understand water resources. The submitter seeks that the zone committees have access to alternative scientific views and peer reviews of Environment Canterbury science. We are seeking to do science in an open and transparent way that allows for input and comment at all stages. All Environment Canterbury science is peer reviewed. We are not convinced that expenditure on alternative science views is warranted, as there is ample opportunity for all views to be considered.</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

Portfolio: Better water management
Action: Non-support – no alternative suggested

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Mr Godfrey Taylor	We do not need any more dairy farms - there are plenty as is. Make sure of it by stopping conversions.	We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. Our role, as a regional council, is to manage the effects of an industry, such as the dairy industry; it is not our role to determine whether an industry occurs or not.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Diarmuid Toman	Stop the gravel extractors from disturbing the river channels and increasing turbidity in the river, especially during the salmon runs. Confine to extracting dry gravels away from the current river channels.	Current resource consents do not allow extraction within flowing water. They all include a condition restricting the discharge of sediment to flowing water. Where appropriate, extraction is allowed adjacent to flowing water provided a gravel bund (or dam) is maintained to contain all sediment-laden water. If a contractor is observed extracting from within flowing water, the best action to take is to call the Environment Canterbury Pollution Hotline on 0800 76 55 88.	That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mr Craig Mason	It has been a great disappointment that Environment Canterbury has not been more proactive in working with the Rail Trail Trust in getting the public land along the Halswell River fenced off and adequate setback as part of the Rail Trail project. Lake Waiwera is not much better than a cesspit; I'm not aware of any work going on with checking on septic tanks, or with encouraging the Christchurch City Council to develop a community sewage scheme.	The submitter has had ongoing discussions with Selwyn District Council and adjacent landowners about a stretch of the Halswell River alongside the Rail Trail. The submitter is referred to the work of the Banks Peninsula Zone Committee who has prepared a set of recommendations for Waiwera and its catchment. Refer: http://ecan.govt.nz/publications/Council/waiwera-zip-addundum.pdf .	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr Barry Jones	Over the years you have failed dismally to manage our waterways and you want a further \$38m? Give the responsibility to an organisation with better expertise.	Your views on Environment Canterbury's performance are noted.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Steve McNeill	Provide current information that allows public submissions to be made to the Long Term Plan regarding zone committees. Provide a list of projects and budgets for individual capital and operational projects that are proposed by the zone committees.	Individual zone committees do have work programmes that are published as part of their minutes. We hope that the proposal to publicise annual work programmes will address your concerns.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Action: Non-support – suggested alternative

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Mr Keith Hawkins	I submit that reducing nutrient flows is a very noble idea. However, these will be useless if we continue to allow the increase in the number of cows and the increase in the number of dairy farms. Environment Canterbury needs to place a moratorium on stock numbers and urgently research the number of stock units this environment can sustain.	We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. Our role, as a regional council, is to manage the effects of an industry, such as the dairy industry; it is not our role to determine whether an industry occurs or not.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Jennifer Arthur	My concern locally is the quality of South Canterbury rivers. Tight regulations need to be put in place in relation to spraying of effluent from dairy farms onto paddocks and the possible harmful effects of	Your concerns about South Canterbury rivers are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality and are working with the local zone committee to support farmers and ensure our	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is

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	<p>the use of fertilisers contaminating our rivers.</p> <p>Determine the cause of our poor river quality. Support the farmers in finding eco-friendly solutions. Put regulations on irrigation quota, effluent spraying on paddocks and use of fertilisers.</p>	rules are effective.	recommended.
Diarmuid Toman	<p>Stop deliberately polluting the Waimakariri River via your ongoing support for Silver Fern Farms' deliberate corporate discharge of industrial waste.</p> <p>Stop supporting property developers to develop housing and industrial complexes on or close to riverbanks where sediment run-off, toxic run-off and toxic spillages destroy the river habitats, e.g. Silverstream and Kaiapoi rivers.</p>	Your views on the Silver Fern discharge into the Waimakariri River are noted. Managing land use for the purposes of protecting water quality is Environment Canterbury's role. We will work closely with the Waimakariri Zone Committee to ensure we have appropriate controls in place.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Andrew Buglass	<p>Environment Canterbury's current discharge limits on nitrate and phosphates are too high. Environment Canterbury appears to be supportive of continued conversion of dryland farming to unsustainable and polluting dairy practices.</p> <p>Reduce upper limits on nitrate and phosphate discharges and enforce rather than encourage change. Actively discourage conversion to dairy in drought-prone areas, or where there is a high need for irrigation, or where water quality is likely to decline as a result.</p>	We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. Our role, as a regional council, is to manage the effects of an industry, such as the dairy industry; it is not our role to determine whether it occurs or not.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Jim Crook	<p>The Council's stated intention "to work towards an integrated approach to water supply and to ensure safe construction of dams and infrastructure" is completely inadequate.</p> <p>The Council must take action now to identify all potential sources of water. Plans to develop those sources should be prepared now and not when further droughts ravage the province.</p>	Your support for water storage is noted. We have already identified all sources of water and are working with development interests to progress. Creating water storage is a component of the CWMS. Over the last summer, Lake Coleridge was used to provide reliable water into mid-Canterbury, and will provide the same service to the Central Plains area next year.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Derek Anson	Stop all new dairying conversions in the Canterbury area and do not allow existing farms to enlarge more than they are now.	We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. Our role, as a regional council, is to manage the effects of an industry, such as the dairy industry; it is not our role to determine whether it occurs or not.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Andrew	Zone committees must be elected. No imposed flunkies designed to	Your views on the zone committee selection and monitoring of water takes, run-off and stock access are noted. Our compliance activities are	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long

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McKay	<p>give the appearance of local authority.</p> <p>For those who exceed their water take and run-off consents - enforcement must be self-funding.</p> <p>Improve water quality by reducing, extracting and decreasing run-off and stock access - punitive fines to polluters.</p>	<p>paid for by the consent holder. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury.</p>	<p>Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
M Yurjevich	<p>Do not give dairy farmers any more water permits.</p>	<p>We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. Our role, as a regional council, is to manage the effects of an industry, such as the dairy industry; it is not our role to determine whether it occurs or not.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Judy Beatson	<p>I am concerned about the long-term effects extensive, intensive irrigation will have on Canterbury land and also the effect on the water sources and the pollution from the run-off. Maybe it is time to limit the use of irrigation, even if it affects land use. Right now we may be doing the New Zealand and Fonterra shareholders a favour, but our descendants may pay the price.</p>	<p>Your views on irrigation are noted. Through the Canterbury Water Management Strategy, we are committed to improving water quality at the same time as increasing the irrigated area. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Jean Fraser	<p>Clean water is a human right; dairy farms should never have been allowed on our plains.</p> <p>Make the dairy farmers pay for the water management.</p>	<p>Your views are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. These regulations do impose costs on farmers and other land users.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Richard and Linda Lucy	<p>Water quality is the most important issue facing Canterbury and New Zealand over the next two-to-three decades. ECan must do something about the rapidly deteriorating water quality.</p> <p>The submitter lists eight actions for managing water.</p>	<p>Your views are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Mr Frank Hill	<p>Cleaning up our waterways should be the major focus. It is ridiculous that we have now got to the point where we are paying for consultants to come from the USA to advise us on recharging aquifers. Consent holders who have drained aquifers dry should bear the cost to reinstate them.</p> <p>Encouraging farmers to restrict nutrient discharges and have Farm Environmental Plans will achieve no improvement in water management. Farmers in the Selwyn/Waihora and Waimakariri zones are only just above 50% compliance with their current</p>	<p>Your concerns about water quality are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. The rules we are putting in place will progressively require more from farmers through Farm Environment Plans and nutrient budgets. We are convinced that these will have positive benefits for water quality. We have not brought any consultants from the USA to advise on aquifer recharge.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-2025 is recommended.</p>

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	<p>consents. There needs to be strong regulation put in place in relation to dairying, backed up by strong enforcement.</p>		
<p>Errol Johns</p>	<p>The submitter does not support ECan's approach to managing water and is very concerned with the resulting impacts to river levels, water quality and landscape.</p> <p>Submitter is not against dairying, however, believes there are far friendlier ways to do it, although this may incur more costs to the farmer.</p>	<p>Your concerns about water quality are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. These rules will impose costs and require changes in farming practice.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-2025 is recommended.</p>
<p>Ms Jen Miller Royal New Zealand Forest and Bird Protection Society</p>	<p>Add to the Long Term Plan a statement that there is a possibility that ongoing development may not necessarily be able to occur in some catchments in the next ten-year period if Council is to meet its responsibilities to manage the region's freshwater.</p> <p>Restoration work is costly and not always successful. It is important that Council firstly ensures there is no ongoing loss. Provide adequate funding and resources to protect what remains.</p> <p>Ensure important indigenous habitats are identified as priority for protection.</p> <p>The intention to spend more money on improving water quality is supported.</p> <p>Encouraging landowner compliance is supported.</p> <p>The proposal to monitor large irrigation and water storage schemes, along with taking action against non-complying farms, is supported.</p> <p>Ensure adequate budget to ensure monitoring and compliance - increase staff numbers.</p>	<p>The request to add a statement that "ongoing development may not occur in some catchments" does not allow for situations where development can occur without increasing effects on the environment.</p> <p>Your request to ensure sufficient funding for indigenous habitats and restoration is noted. These types of projects are expected to be an important part of Zone Implementation Programme delivery and our work in the biodiversity portfolio. Immediate Steps funding was due to end this year, but we share your desire to support biodiversity projects throughout the region so we have committed to continue to make this fund available for on-the-ground projects. The Council will continue to consider ways in which we could prioritise biodiversity projects over other biodiversity expenditure. We are also looking at how we can continue to work better, as an organisation and with partners, to achieve positive outcomes.</p> <p>Your support for our work on water quality and monitoring of irrigation/storage schemes is noted.</p> <p>A prioritised approach to target our monitoring and compliance on higher risk activities is planned; this prioritised approach will apply in urban and rural parts of the region and also engage with Canterbury Water Management Strategy zone committees.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>

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Action: Policy, performance, general comment

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Ms Noelene Sanderson	You say you'll "encourage" farmers to restrict nutrient discharges and "encourage" them to have a Farm Environment Plan. Isn't it possible to 'insist' before waterways get even more polluted?	Farm Environment Plans and nutrient discharge limits are requirements under the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Leslie Forrester	<p>ECan or ratepayers should not be required to provide any funding at all for the fencing of waterways through private land where privately owned stock is grazing and whose effluent has any adverse effect on the water downstream. Landowners and/or farmers who have stock that can have an effect on waterways should be compelled to fence those waterways. Any waterways that require stock crossing areas on private land should be bridged and any effluent contained so as to eliminate any downstream pollution.</p> <p>By-laws should be instigated immediately by the commissioners while they still have the ability to initiate serious action. ECan should adopt a zero tolerance policy on this issue. A deadline of 31 December 2015 should be initiated.</p>	Your views on ratepayer funding of fencing are noted. We already have strong rules in place to control stock access to river beds. Discharges or disturbance of the bed by dairy cattle, farmed pigs and break-feeding are prohibited in all rivers, lakes and wetlands. Discharges or disturbance by livestock contained for break-feeding, or grazed on irrigated land adjacent to a river, lake or wetland, are prohibited in that river, lake or wetland.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Marilyn Henderson	<p>Avon River: Please dredge waterways, make deeper. This should be done as soon as possible.</p> <p>Drinking water: Keep all our springs' water clean.</p>	Your comments on the Avon River and drinking water are noted. Since the earthquake, the Christchurch City Council has been removing silt from waterways and has a programme of work to continue doing so. Maintaining the high quality of Christchurch's drinking water is a priority for us, and we have strong controls in place to protect the groundwater system.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr Gordon Hewett	Regarding the Waiiau River and low flow rates over January/February/March 2015. February/March the river mouth has been closing at times. I would like Environment Canterbury to have river monitoring equipment somewhere not too far from the State Highway 1 bridge, to get a better read on current river flows.	Environment Canterbury currently has a flow recorder 6kms downstream from State Highway 1 (1km upstream from the mouth). This gives a very good record of river flows in the vicinity of State Highway 1 and the mouth.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Anna Anderson	Make it compulsory for all new home builds to include a water tank and water collection from 10,000k or more off the roof of their new home. The cost to do this is minimal given the overall cost of building a new home. It would only add about \$3,000 to a new home cost.	Your support for water tanks in houses is noted. The use of water tanks is considered by district and city councils in their water supply strategies. Where local conditions and costs are favourable, we agree with you that water tanks should be encouraged.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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	There are so many new homes being built and all these homes could be watering gardens, watering stock and cleaning cars with water they themselves have collected off their roof.		
Nicky Weatherley	Look at securing areas, native plantings and clean waterways, and be more responsible for the management of the environment.	A major part of the expenditure in our CWMS portfolio goes towards plantings and addressing water quality.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Camille Jamieson	Please, before it is too late, save our local rivers from the greed of dairying. We can't let our dogs swim in these rivers for fear of sickness, let alone us. Fix it. South Canterbury's land desecration and pillage of the rivers is disgraceful - the land cannot sustain this mess.	We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. Our role, as a regional council, is to manage the effects of an industry, such as the dairy industry; it is not our role to determine whether it occurs or not.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Jane Patterson	Put your energies into retaining our rain water either by tanks or dams on farms.	Your support for water tanks and farm dams is noted, and their use is considered by district and city councils in their water supply strategies. Where local conditions and costs are favourable, we agree with you that water tanks should be encouraged.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Liz Tanner	Greater focus on lack of river water. Organise official river clean-ups. Raise public awareness of the damage littering causes through school programmes, awareness weeks, radio ads. Stricter farming practice measures.	We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. You correctly identify the role of community action and we are hoping to encourage and support more in this area.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
John Montgomery	Waiau River: The lower part of the river has been ruined. Move the measuring place back to the mouth as previously.	Environment Canterbury currently has a flow recorder 6kms downstream from State Highway 1 (1km upstream from the mouth). This gives a very good record of river flows in the vicinity of State Highway 1 and the mouth.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr David Milne	With the sudden increase in dairy farming, I consider the farming drainage or storage systems woefully inadequate and the use of water not fully controlled. I should like to see more spot checks on farms to determine their water usage or wastage.	All resource consents to take water are required to report water use to Environment Canterbury. In the 2013/14 season 3,884 groundwater and surface water takes provided data on water use. The full report summarising water use of the season can be found at www.ecan.govt.nz/publications/Reports/water-use-report-2013-14.pdf . We are working hard to address those who are not providing water use data.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Lyall Smith	Construct reservoirs to feed dams and preserve these reservoirs for agriculture and horticulture in dry months. This would increase the agricultural and horticultural production in Canterbury.	Your support for water storage is noted. Creating water storage is a component of the CWMS, and we are working with the irrigation sector to encourage storage of water from the large alpine rivers.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Derek Baxter	Investigate the relationship between all consented water-takes in Canterbury and the interlinked water aquifers, rivers and water tables. This summer I watched the Ashley River, at the State Highway 1 bridge, disappear to nothing while the two dairy farms beside the bridge irrigated continuously, even after the river was completely dry.	We have an ongoing programme of improving understanding of water bodies and abstraction. Over the next two years the Waimakariri Zone will be a focus for us, and we hope we can address your concerns.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Barry Everett	Environment Canterbury should not approve or consent any dairy or other businesses until all effluent equipment is in place and operating correctly.	Your concern about businesses having environmental controls in place is noted. Our approach is we only approve businesses that have effluent controls in place.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Thomas Hassall	There is no mention of water conservation in your Plan. Please consider high country dams on the Hurunui and Waimakariri Rivers. The ponds you advocate on valuable down country land may all go dry in the next big drought. The Hurunui River often runs at 2030 cumecs in late winter and spring, and the water just runs out to sea.	Your support for water storage is noted. Creating water storage is a component of the CWMS and we are working with the irrigation sector to encourage storage of water from the large alpine rivers. Over the last summer, Lake Coleridge was used to provide reliable water into mid-Canterbury, and will provide the same service to the Central Plains area next year. We are working closely with development interests in the Waimakariri and Hurunui zones.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Claire Coveney	Reduce dairy farming in Canterbury. Clean the rivers. Reduce discharges into the Heathcote/Ōpāwaho Rivers from roads and businesses.	We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. Our role, as a regional council, is to manage the effects of an industry, such as the dairy industry; it is not our role to determine whether it occurs or not. The Christchurch West Melton Zone Committee is actively working with the Christchurch community to improve water quality in the Heathcote and Avon Rivers.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Brian Lilburn	Lifestyle blocks should have to pay for all the water they use. All water use should be paid for by city residents according to how much they use.	Water charges are the responsibility of the infrastructure owner. We are unable to charge for water.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Denys Hadfield	Make the farming sector pay for water usage.	Water charges are the responsibility of the infrastructure owner. We are unable to charge for water.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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<p>Ashley Reihana, Aunty Babysitters Club</p>	<p>More education and job opportunities covering licences, mapping and travelling in the Aoraki district.</p>	<p>Your views on the links between education, more signage and information on available access points are all noted. We hope that we are gradually increasing awareness of water issues through the Canterbury Water Management Strategy. In particular, we have been working with secondary school teachers in Timaru.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
<p>David Scott, Federated Farmers Mackenzie Branch</p>	<p>Nutrient disposal/harvesting: It is almost criminal that urban area sewage, albeit after some treatment, is dumped into the waterways with very few water restraints. There are two issues involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the direct effect on water quality in the discharged streams (requiring mitigation) - the loss of land nutrients. <p>Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That ECan be advocating for nutrient harvesting through land application of sewage treatment outflow. 2. Advocate that waterway vegetation be of harvestable, nutrient transferable species. <p>Biodiversity: In terms of environmental management it is the function of a species that is important, not its origin. If statements or policies only relate to indigenous native species then the term should always be so qualified, i.e. 'indigenous biodiversity'.</p> <p>Braided rivers: We are attempting to control their flooding risk impact by stopbanks, etc., but perhaps in the longer-term, for soil and water conservation, we should not be averse to allowing development of their waters, sediments and floodplains to some of the higher forms of river systems.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>ECan advocates for retention of rural/agricultural zoning of better soils in any city/town/area consultations.</p> <p>Soil formation/harvesting - recommendation:</p>	<p>The Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) should perhaps be called the Canterbury Catchment Management Strategy. It definitely addresses land and soil issues. As an example, the scientific monitoring work in the CWMS includes soil water quality monitoring. Thank you for your useful comments on nutrient, sewage outflow and sediment harvesting. We intended that the Long Term Plan places as much emphasis on urban waterways as it does on rural ones. The proposed Land and Water Regional Plan contains a policy that there are no direct discharges to surface water bodies or groundwater of untreated sewage and wastewater (except as a result of extreme weather related overflows). We do not specify that riparian planting by farmers is in native species. The main benefit of vegetation is to trap sediment and overland flows. We will check the use of biodiversity in the document; we agree that the word "indigenous" should be used if that is what is meant.</p> <p>We disagree with the submitter on the status of Canterbury's braided rivers. They are definitely nationally unique, and in many cases cited as internationally unique. The natural character of braided rivers is one of the ten target areas in the CWMS; there is obviously a strong community wish to see them maintained in a healthy natural state. Your support for Farm Environment Plans is noted - they always remain the property of the landowners.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>

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	<p>That sediment harvesting is considered part of water allocation and river protection works.</p> <p>Farm plans: Should remain the property of the landholder, not another layer of landlords (LINZ, DOC, local councils), and not a legal contract.</p>		
Benjamin Griffiths	Waterways: Clean up rivers and dredge where there has been damage, due to earthquakes, to allow full flow.	The Christchurch West Melton Zone Committee is actively working with the Christchurch community to improve water quality in the Heathcote and Avon Rivers. In Christchurch, dredging of the Avon and Heathcote Rivers is the responsibility of the Christchurch City Council, and we will work to consent any earthquake-related activities.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Judy Beatson	For every water unit a farmer puts on the land, the farmer should be required to deliver towards the diversity along any waterways on their property, or a set dollar amount of river way biodiversity development within the region.	Your idea for linking farming and biodiversity is noted. We are now requiring all farmers to have Farm Environment Plans; these will require biodiversity investment by farmers.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Jim Abernethy	In 1999 our local school started doing clarity testing of Lyell Creek and tributaries; farmers in the area helped. The change in Lyell Creek was dramatic. In 2015 ECan still has Kaikōura in the red zone.	Your concerns about Lyell Creek and tributaries is noted. Thank you for your efforts and interest in this area – it makes a difference. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality and are working with the local zone committee to support farmers and ensure our rules are effective. If you are not already, we encourage you to share your knowledge and experience with the zone committee.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Thelma Tima Tane	What are Environment Canterbury's short-term goals for improving Waimate's town and rural drinking water?	The Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee has made a set of recommendations for water quality in the Waimate area. Its recommendation still results in risks to a small number of shallow individual drinking wells. The Zone Committee has recommended Environment Canterbury, Waimate District Council and the health board work together to monitor drinking wells and advise those who are at risk. The full set of recommendations can be found at: http://ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/canterburywater/committees/lower-waitaki/Pages/Default.aspx#addendum .	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Alison Dockery	I would like to see the Groyne restored to its natural state. Now it's polluted and commercialised - paddle boats and ducks rule; it is unswimmable. Remove the plantings and man-made ponds and let the river flow naturally.	Your support for continued improvement in swimming opportunities is noted. Recreation is one of the ten target areas of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy and we will pass the specific suggestions on to the Christchurch West Melton Zone Committee. This Committee makes recommendations to Environment Canterbury, and also to the Christchurch City Council who manages the Groyne.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Ben Griffin	Tighter restrictions on mid-Canterbury irrigation. There is so much water going onto the roads.	We agree that water sprayed onto roads is an inefficient use of water. We will raise the issue with Irrigation New Zealand.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Derek Woodward	I would like to see all new dairy conversions having to meet certain standards prior to operations beginning, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - protection of all waterways and development of riparian strips, with regular inspection - the ability to handle and disperse of all sewage adequately - no abstraction from any waterway or ground water - watering during hours of darkness being controlled by timers and flow masters - strict enforcement with steadily increasing fines. 	Your views on the control of dairy farming are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. We are now requiring all farmers to have Farm Environment Plans which must be regularly audited. These Plans will require riparian planting, effluent disposal, and measures to ensure efficient water use.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Jacqueline Olliver	The Heathcote River is a polluted, neglected eyesore. Clean up, weed, dredge and maintain overgrowth on the banks.	Your views on the Heathcote River are noted. The Christchurch West Melton Zone Committee has identified the Heathcote River as one of its priorities. Since the earthquake, the Christchurch City Council has been removing silt from waterways and has a programme of work to continue doing so.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Lewis Surgenor	Dairy farming should not even occur in Canterbury. Dredge the Avon and make it flow faster and cleaner and reduce the risk of flooding. The lower reaches are polluted.	We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. Our role as a regional council is to manage the effects of an industry, such as the dairy industry; it is not our role to determine whether an industry occurs or not. Since the earthquake, the Christchurch City Council has been removing silt from waterways and has a programme of work to continue doing so.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Michael Tarrant	Preserve the Temuka/Waihi River in a pristine state and full natural rate of flow to ensure it is preserved for recreational fishing and bathing. It is unacceptable for the region's rivers to become the El Dorado of dairy farmers and Fonterra.	Your views on the Temuka/Waihi River are noted. We have placed rules over the discharge of nutrients and other contaminants to that river. Improving the water quality is one of the outcomes identified by the Orari-Opihi-Pareora Zone Committee.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Stephen	Research by Lincoln University shows clear links between nitrogen leaching and irrigation after a paddock is grazed. A minimum	Your advice on irrigation management is noted. We are working closely with Irrigation New Zealand and the primary sectors to ensure good	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long

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Ridder	timeframe needs to be imposed between grazing and irrigation.	advice is provided to farmers.	Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Evelyne Neville	No factory or farm waste in our rivers, springs or lakes - ever.	Your views are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Glenis Youngman	I wish to see our waterways protected from pollution caused by industry and farms.	Your views are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Hermann Frank	I support the goal 'to improve water management and look after natural habitat'. However, if ECan does this in the same way it has done over the last ten years then this is not going to help much. Water quality has deteriorated and loss of biodiversity happens on a regular basis. The Regional Council needs to step up to limit the effects of changing farming practices.	Your views are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Jillian Logan	Clean up the Christchurch rivers.	The Christchurch West Melton Zone Committee is actively working with the Christchurch community to improve water quality in the Heathcote and Avon Rivers.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Graham Logan	Clean up the Avon River.	The Christchurch West Melton Zone Committee is actively working with the Christchurch community to improve water quality in the Heathcote and Avon Rivers.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Maria Bartlett, Little River Wairewa Flood Working Party	<p>On behalf of the Little River Wairewa Flood Working Party, consisting of interested members of the Little River and Birdlings Flat communities within the Wairewa catchment, we wish to see active flood management in the catchment facilitated by means of a river rating scheme.</p> <p>The river systems within the catchment have been poorly maintained and the 'individual landowner responsibility' model is failing.</p> <p>In order to fund works we have identified a river rating district proposal acceptable to the community, with the following features:</p>	<p>With Bill Bayfield's support, Tim Davie and Lesley Woudberg have been involved with supporting the working group with help from Ian Heslop. They have reached the point of making a submission with what we think is a realistic proposal. Rob Blakely produced a report that provided costings for proposed priority work. This work is mostly removal of trees in the waterway, staged over about five years. Ian prepared ten-year spreadsheets similar to Ross's standard ones. A postal vote is proposed in the next couple of weeks to support their submission. There was strong public support at a public meeting on 30 March 2015.</p> <p>This is one that should go ahead. We are expecting the working group to present something in person at the hearing.</p>	That the request for a change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is noted, and provided it is approved by vote and the associated rating mechanism can be set up in time, Environment Canterbury should approve the change.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a 'whole of catchment' scheme, from ridgeline to coast (ki uta ki tai) - 20% funded from the works and service rate - 5% funded from the ECan general rate - 75% funded from a targeted rate within the Wairewa catchment. 	<p>The annual rate for the first five years would be \$52,000 per year made up of \$39,000 targeted, \$10,400 works and services and \$2,600 general rates per year.</p> <p>Maintenance after five years is then projected to be \$22,000 per year, assuming no additional capital/upgrade work.</p> <p>This is based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$132,000 upgrade work spread over five years, plus • maintenance and supervision starting at \$10,000/year, ramping up to \$20,000/year over five years • investigations budget of \$10,000/year for five years • also accounts for interest, rates collection fee and builds up a \$20,000 reserve over time (for flood damage repair, etc). 	
<p>Keith McRabie, Timaru Rowing Club</p>	<p>Timaru Rowing Club operates from the end of Rothwell Street onto the adjoining Saltwater Creek.</p> <p>In the last three years we have experienced the worst water conditions in the Club's 135 years of existence. In the period I have been involved, the creek has become increasingly unrowable. ECan officers have allowed an upstream user a 25-year non-notified consent to extract water. We have met with Commissioners Lambie and Caygill and essentially been told that ECan can't do anything to improve the creek due to the water extraction consent.</p> <p>Finally, there is a weir on Saltwater Creek owned and maintained by ECan that does not work. Please fix it.</p>	<p>We acknowledge the difficulties the Timaru Rowing Club has had this year. The upstream consent has been in place for a number of years and was exercised fully for the first time this season. Commissioners have met with the Rowing Club to explain the situation, and encouraged the Rowing Club to be involved in the Orari-Opihi-Pareora limit setting process. That is the most appropriate way to establish flow requirements for Saltwater Creek.</p> <p>The weir structure was built by Timaru District Council approximately 20 years ago. About five years ago, they handed the resource consent for this to us, and we maintain the structure using Saltwater Creek funds. The resource consent requirement is to provide for a controlled overflow so that there is an environmental flow in the creek below the weir.</p> <p>The Rowing Club has never been happy about the controlled overflow requirement which is, in its opinion, leakage.</p> <p>We would be happy to consider other options for the weir that provide both downstream flow and improved conditions for rowers.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
<p>Nikki Beardsley</p>	<p>The Hurunui district hardly rates a mention. There are two major rivers in our district and both are at risk of further pollution.</p> <p>I have been profoundly disturbed to be informed by those working for</p>	<p>As the Regional Council, we are required to both protect the environment and enable communities to meet social and economic aspirations.</p> <p>It is possible that the irrigators you saw operating were not sourcing their</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>

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	<p>your organisation that "business must be allowed to operate".</p> <p>The Ashley River dried up into isolated pools, as did the Waipara River, but the irrigators still ran adjacent to these rivers.</p> <p>You should be trading under the brand name 'Business Canterbury'.</p>	<p>water from the adjacent river. Irrigation restrictions applied to both the Ashley and Waipara Rivers this summer. Irrigators who source their water from deep groundwater or from the large alpine rivers did not have restrictions.</p>	
Peter Edmonds	<p>Christchurch has the best drinking water in the world. My great fear is that because of the dairy industry the high quality of tap water will not be maintained. Go down the road to Ashburton to see how it's gradually going wrong.</p>	<p>Maintaining the high quality of Christchurch's drinking water is a priority for us, and we have strong controls in place to protect the groundwater system.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
W H Vink	<p>Drastically improve management of the region's water and land use - make it safe for swimming again.</p>	<p>Your views are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Brian Turner	<p>Stop allowing the Belfast freezing works to discharge into the Waimakariri River.</p>	<p>Your views are noted.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Georg Ludwig	<p>Funding for improving and cleaning up waterways should primarily be from fines of those who degraded the waterways, and only as a last resort by the victims - the ratepayers.</p>	<p>Your views are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. These regulations do impose costs on farmers and other people who discharge into waterways.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Andrew Palmer	<p>Water quality in South Canterbury's lowland rivers and streams is deteriorating fast under Environment Canterbury's care. Focus on stopping the decline. Improve quality back to a healthy non-toxic level.</p>	<p>Your views are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Margaret Miller	<p>I would request that your agency, no matter how unpopular, advocates against increased agricultural growth in the Canterbury district and against an increase in irrigated land. I also advocate that there be strict regulation for pollutant run-off and strict penalties for failure to follow them.</p> <p>How do I personally advocate for these changes to other government agencies, including the economic growth agencies?</p>	<p>Your views are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. We are now requiring all farmers to have Farm Environment Plans, which must be regularly audited. The Canterbury Water Management Strategy requires that water quality is improved and the irrigated land area is increased.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>

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Philippa Tyrrell	It is all very well to receive recommendations from zone committees, but funding is needed to implement these. It is not clear who is going to do the work. There are signs that the wheels are falling off the collaborative approach in some parts of Canterbury. I would like to see the zone committee approach promoted.	Your comments are noted. The intent of the new Zone Implementation programme is to place more emphasis on projects and actions that the zone committee has promoted.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Margaret Miller	Advocate to the government and to the farmers to concentrate on making current farms more environmentally sustainable using government funds rather than increasing the land available for irrigation - a further burden on our already stretched water sources in Canterbury.	Your views are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. We are now requiring all farmers to have Farm Environment Plans, which must be regularly audited. The Canterbury Water Management Strategy requires that water quality is improved and the irrigated land area is increased.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Pat and Barry Brooker	We would like very strong controls of water management which stop farmers discharging nutrients into our waterways and keep water usage to levels that maintain or improve the quality of our rivers.	We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. We are now requiring all farmers to have Farm Environment Plans, which must be regularly audited.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Fraser Ross	Limits on discharges must be strong to effect lower loss of nutrients. Urban waterways work, as proposed, is supported. We support the implementation of Farm Environmental Plans, and monitoring for large irrigation and storage schemes, with further enforcement action for non-compliance.	Your support is noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. We are now requiring all farmers to have Farm Environment Plans, which must be regularly audited.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
William Stevens	You have a 'top priority' to clean up Canterbury's rivers, streams and lakes. We have been hearing this sort of promise from Environment Canterbury for years and over that time water quality has only become worse. Use enforcement if necessary. Rural initiatives - encourage better farming practices: Take firm action against those who continue to fail to co-operate.	We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. We are now requiring all farmers to have Farm Environment Plans, which must be regularly audited.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Belinda Helm	I am very concerned at the damage to our rivers which is being caused by the irrigation for intensive dairying. When I was small, I could swim in the rivers and drink the water while swimming. Imagine that!	Your views on control of dairy farming are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. We are now requiring all farmers to have Farm Environment Plans, which must be regularly audited.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Ms Anne	Groundwater pollution and damage to drinking water sources is a significant issue also being under-played politically. How much of the region could be adversely affected within a decade? This is the real public cost of private farm irrigation and dairy stock number	Groundwater quality is a major consideration in almost all of the environmental limit setting processes in Canterbury. Maintaining access to high quality drinking water is one of the priorities of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Griffiths	intensification.		
Hilary Iles	<p>Clean water is essential for life and at no time should this be forgotten. I'd like to see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - farmers use best practice farming methods - ECan closely monitor compliance - waterways restored - intensification and pollution of high country land closely monitored and farmers having to comply to water regulations and spray areas/vegetation removal. 	Your views on water quality are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended
Rachel Hurford, Forest and Bird, North Canterbury Branch	<p>There is no detail on the ZIPs and plans and whether or not the limits and levels of nutrient pollution are based on scientific analysis.</p> <p>We support the approach outlined in the summary of aims. There needs to be action against non-complying farmers. The action should be detailed and publicised. We believe it should be mandatory for farmers to have a Farm Environment Plan by a set date. There is no timeline and deadline mentioned in this section.</p> <p>There is no mention of specific freshwater targets, limits and levels of nitrates and phosphates and other pollutants in this section. We would like more transparency, and for data to show ratepayers the progress in improvements to water quantity and quality.</p>	All the environmental limits we set are based on a very robust scientific analysis. Your views on action against non-complying farmers are noted. State of Environment reporting is one of our levels of service, and there will be considerable information provided through reports and our website.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Alison Cook	I would like the water quality in our rivers to be returned to a state where our children can safely kayak, swim, fish and play in them. I am particularly concerned about the Heathcote.	We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. The Christchurch West Melton Zone Committee agrees with our views on the Heathcote River and has identified the Heathcote River as one of its priorities.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Justine Carson-Iles	Environment Canterbury should continue to develop robust water management. The rivers in our areas are toxic and the reduction of flow has compounded this. ECan needs to ensure (not just encourage) that farmers are reducing nutrient discharge into waterways. Minimum flows are vital and need to be adhered to, and water allocation needs to be pulled back to ensure this.	Your views on water quality rivers flows and allocation are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. Our plans do require nutrient reductions and reduction of allocation, for example in the Selwyn Waihora catchment.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Mrs Mary Bridgman	<p>You state on page 10 that in seven years up to 2012, dairy cattle had doubled. How many in 2013-2014? Is there no limit?</p> <p>I want ECan to limit dairying in Canterbury.</p>	<p>Your views on the dairy industry are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. Our role, as a regional council, is to manage the effects of an industry, such as the dairy industry; it is not our role to determine whether an industry occurs or not.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Peter Lamsdale	<p>The rivers and lakes in Canterbury are a disgrace, requiring drastic action to improve their water quality urgently.</p> <p>The submitter lists three actions for Environment Canterbury. Place mortaria on dairy farming, stock exclusion, restrict fertilizer use until all rivers swimmable.</p>	<p>We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. Stock access on all intensive farms in Canterbury has been prohibited since 2011.</p> <p>Our role as a regional council is to manage the effects of an industry, such as the dairy industry; it is not our role to determine whether an industry occurs or not. We cannot put a moratorium on one specific industry.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Sigrid McDougall	<p>I feel strongly about protecting the quality of our water - both rural and urban. We should think carefully about converting to dairy farming and the suitability of dairy farms for certain regions.</p>	<p>Your views are noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Allen Cookson	<p>Require territorial authorities to progressively improve infrastructure to have road run-off in towns directed into vegetated wetlands for filtering and naturally treating polluted water.</p> <p>Investigate the desirability of water metering.</p> <p>Avoid urban development in places where water sources are inadequate.</p>	<p>Your views on the need for territorial authorities to improve infrastructure are noted. Water metering is required on all resource consents to take water. Decisions on whether individual houses or businesses are metered in towns are for the territorial authority; however, we do require measures to improve efficiency. We agree that future urban development needs to consider potential sources of drinking water.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Sue Stubenvoll	<p>Work with farmers must be collaborative and not be so strict that farmers go out of business or break down. Yes, monitor run-off from rural and urban areas. Waterways management is crucial. More emphasis is required on enabling and funding research and less on enforcing.</p>	<p>Your views on water management are noted. It is important to us to work collaboratively with farmers, and we do very much consider the economic effects of our rules on farmers. At least 20% of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy expenditure is for science investigations and monitoring.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Campbell Odlin	<p>During your watch, rivers from the Hurunui to Selwyn have gone backward in terms of swimmability. The only way to tackle this problem is to have a Queen's Chain 25m fenced off each side on all major Canterbury rivers with tributaries having a lesser strip width. The polluters need to be the major funders of this strip.</p>	<p>Your idea for linking farming and biodiversity is noted. Through the Biodiversity and Canterbury Water Management Strategy portfolios we hope to encourage substantial planting and wetland protection. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality and are now requiring all farmers to have Farm Environment Plans; these will</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>

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		require biodiversity investment by farmers.	
Steve McNeill	Provide governance, management and funding support to deliver best practice science for water quality and quantity.	We agree with your point about an emphasis on science for water quality and quantity. About 20% of the expenditure in the Canterbury Water Management Strategy portfolio is for science investigations and monitoring. We are working with the entire primary sector to develop advice to farmers on good management practice, and with science agencies on options for improving beyond good management practice.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Robert Urquhart	Water management: I am glad to read that ECan plans to lead the way, not only in improving water quality, but in restoring the ground water and aquifer reserves, although without dramatic dairy industry-wide improvements it is questionable whether it will leave the region in a good condition to move on/back to anything else afterwards. I would like to see regional resource put towards investigating what use/combination of uses of our farming resources would strike a good balance between profitability and sustainability (even remediating the nutrient balance if possible) post-dairy and initiatives.	Your support for our work to improve water quality is noted. We are progressively placing tighter and tighter controls on water quality. The rules will alter how dairying, urban activities and all other activities are carried out in Canterbury. We support research and encourage industry investigations on balancing farm profitability and sustainability.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Alice Ridley, Christchurch Youth Council	We need water to live. Cooking, cleaning, general living and recreation (swimming in particular), business, e.g. fishing. The world revolves around pure water and without it life would be very different. Key suggestions: Clean up the urban waterways, clean up Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere.	Your support for cleaning up waterways is noted. The zone committees have identified the Avon and Heathcote Rivers and Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere as priority waterways for restoration.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Lee Breahut	Spend more on improving water quality. Encourage water storage. Encourage good farming practices, but be mindful of adding administrative processes that are not just data gathering with no real purpose behind them.	Your comments are noted. We hope that the Canterbury Water Management Strategy and the work in that portfolio to improve water quality and provide reliable water will address the issues you raise. We agree with your statement about only requesting data that has a purpose.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Belinda Margetts	I support the proposed changes and subsequent rates increase - if we are really serious about improving water quality and natural habitats.	Your support for our work to improve water quality and natural habitats is noted.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is

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			recommended.
Gordon Spence	Yes, encourage better farming practices. Yes, commit the money to deliver CWMS. Do not move slowly.	Thank you for support of increased funding to deliver CWMS.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Vicki Currie	I agree generally with the overall proposal regarding spending more money. The submitter did not agree that ECan should move more slowly and spread costs over a longer period. The submitter supports targeted rating for stream augmentation. The submitter supports ECan's rural initiatives.	Support for additional spending in the CWMS portfolio, and for the targeted rate for stream augmentation is noted.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Ms Anne Griffiths	We support increased work to improve water quality in the region's streams and rivers so that all become swimmable and safe for contact recreation and fishing/food gathering.	Your support for our work under the Canterbury Water Management Strategy is noted.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mike Gilbert	Water management mostly sounds good except the limits on discharge. Who, apart from the polluters, thought increasing the limit on nitrate levels was sensible? Unbelievably poor management and a cave-in to vested interests. When you do this sort of thing, it damages your reputation and the trust in your ability to do a job. Yes, to encouraging better farming practice to improve water quality. Moving slowly to restoration to spread the cost is a desirable aim. Stream augmentation has to be of proven benefit before expanding.	Your support for the water management proposals is noted. We are committed to improving the condition of Canterbury's waterways - nutrients are not the only contributor. We agree that stream augmentation has to be proven before it is expanded.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr Peter Townsend, Canterbury	The submitter advises broad support for ECan's approach and work.	Environment Canterbury thanks the Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce for its continuing support of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Employers' Chamber of Commerce			
Ms Adrienne Lomax, Waihora Ellesmere Trust	The submitter expressed support for Environment Canterbury's initiatives on water management.	Environment Canterbury thanks the Waihora Ellesmere Trust for its support of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
James Ryan, Dairy NZ	With respect to improving water management, Dairy NZ supports Environment Canterbury's increased focus upon implementation, and is committed to working with Environment Canterbury on the joint Environment Canterbury and dairy sector work programme.	Dairy NZ's commitment to working with Environment Canterbury is noted.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Michael Hide, Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited	<p>Fonterra is supportive of the collaborative approach to managing water quality. There is significant opportunity to build on this collaborative approach by ensuring that the work programmes of Fonterra and the wider industry are aligned. We welcome the recent work to develop a joint work programme between ECan and the dairy industry.</p> <p>We have already initiated a number of initiatives through our Supply Fonterra programme that have focused on effluent management, the exclusion of stock from waterways and the provision of improved nutrient management information to farmers.</p> <p>Further to this, we envisage a greater level of support that is tailored for the specific needs of Canterbury. Planning is underway to drive additional support in the areas of water use efficiency, riparian management and wintering practices.</p> <p>We request that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - existing funding is continued - ECan continues to work with Fonterra and other industry partners - the capacity of the community to engage in the zone committee process is considered. 	Your support for the water management proposals is noted. We are committed to the approach of strong engagement with strategic partners and the broader community to improve the condition of Canterbury's waterways. We are conscious of capacity and support related to community engagement and the zone committee process. Environment Canterbury is pleased to partner with the Canterbury dairy industry on a joint work programme.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

Portfolio: Cleaner air
Action: Conditional support

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Andrew Buglass	Drop the advertising and harassment campaigns around wood burners and shift funds to fully funding or, at the very least, subsidising the replacement of existing units with low-emission burners, all of which should be able to be fitted with a wetback.	Thank you for your comments on our proposal for 'Clean Air'. Council has noted that you do not support the advertising and community awareness programmes that have been undertaken in the past that have had a focus on wood burner replacement. Your views on shifting funding towards subsidising wood burners with wetbacks have been taken into consideration. Christchurch ratepayers have previously funded significant investment into the replacement of older wood burners and although this was successful in helping to improve air pollution, it came at a significant financial cost to the community. This programme ended in 2010. The current approach is to provide discretionary hardship funding for low income households who need additional financial assistance to replace older wood burners, to work with partners such as Community Energy Action and also to work with banks and other lending organisations to provide loan options where needed.	The issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
John Sheppard	I am against a 2.5% rise in costs. Reduce the particle size of emissions to levels agreeable to health professionals.	The Council has noted your non-support for the proposed overall rates increase but support for reducing particulate pollution to levels supported by health professionals. National environmental standards and our proposals for cleaner air are all based on health-based standards set by the World Health Organisation.	That the conditional support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Judy Beatson	Air quality and the ozone layer: How many home heating fires burning for how long equates to the pollution from one hectare of rural burn-off?	The Council appreciates your conditional support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Ormond Wilson	Have a better appreciation of the benefits of heating other than from electricity. Clean-burning wood fires should be promoted strongly as they have renewable energy and are cost-efficient.	The Council appreciates your comments and conditional support for Clean Air and clean burning wood burners. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Robert Urquhart	I would like to see ECan proactively enabling the availability and installation of ULEBs in Canterbury, especially for those who are least able to afford it, and encouraging landlords to upgrade the heating and insulation of their properties.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Hamish	My submission is regarding cleaner air quality. License firewood	The Council appreciates your comments on our proposal for Clean Air	That the comments on policy

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Tindall	merchants - firewood dryness would reduce smoke emissions. Have a scientific study made as to the effect lower air pollution levels have had on people's health.	as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Brian Turner	Rather than a blanket 15-year ban on wood burners of that age, how about an annual WOF from a registered cleaner/technician?	The Council appreciates your comments in conditional support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Vicki Christoffersen	Air pollution is certainly an issue, but keeping warm is critical. There should also be a strong focus on penalising industries that produce emissions and pollution.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
William Stevens	Rural burn-offs: Some farmers are very successfully managing without burning stubble. If some can do it, so can the others. Move to ban rural burn-offs. A permit should be required for exceptional circumstances.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
John Skipper	Continue as planned, but take a long time to get there.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Louise Leitch	I am concerned about the impact on air quality of lifestyle property burn-offs. I believe there has been a considerable increase in air pollution resulting from people on lifestyle blocks burning household rubbish, garden rubbish, hedge clippings, etc. I would like ECan to ban the burning of household rubbish on lifestyle properties and to require stricter management of burn-offs of green waste on lifestyle properties.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Lesley Shand	I support the cleaner air proposals. Second bullet point should read "...to allow 'dry and untreated' wood burning...".	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments have been considered and referred to Council's air quality team.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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	Encourage the Government to improve the building code.		
Lesley Shand	Rural burn-offs, stubble burning and industrial pollution are problems you should provide more focus on.	The Council appreciates your comments on our proposal for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Peter Lamsdale	Not enough attention is being given to the standard of rural air quality.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr Lionel Hume, Federated Farmers Combined Canterbury Branch	<p>That Council exercises wisdom in its pursuit of the NES for Air Quality standards. It is crucial that people are able to keep warm over winter and that businesses are able to operate effectively.</p> <p>That Council adopts a rational, evidence-based approach to rural burning.</p> <p>That Council continues to work to incentivise the development of new and cleaner heating technologies.</p>	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr Peter Townsend, Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce	<p>We recognise the Government's national environmental standards and caution the Council to ensure that it operates in reasonable timeframes.</p> <p>We support incentives for those suffering under hardship as long as it is based on good science and a platform of pragmatism.</p> <p>In relation to rural burn-offs, we would not like to see this practice repressed unduly if it is accepted as an appropriate farm management tool.</p> <p>We recognise that ECan has to deal effectively with air discharges from industry, however, we caution that there should not be over-reaction to inevitability of some air pollution in some highly industrialised areas.</p>	The Council has noted your conditional support for our proposal for 'Cleaner Air'. Your views on air policy and operational aspects of our proposal were considered. We do take these matters seriously. These issues are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed as part of this process.	That the conditional support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25

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Sue Stubenvoll	This is important, but not by killing people with cold and cost instead of pollution.	Thank you for your conditional support for our proposal for 'Clean Air'. We do take community concerns regarding cold homes seriously, and are working jointly with the district health boards, district councils and other organisations such as Community Energy Action to provide help and assistance where needed. Included in our Long Term Plan proposal for Clean Air is funding towards a joint agency implementation plan to address these concerns. A key finding of a recent health impact assessment report was that the majority of wood burner households were in the highest income bracket. Only a small proportion was potentially at risk from issues such as fuel poverty. The report also recommended that to address this issue required a multi-agency response. These matters are also currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Hermann Frank	I support the proposal to improve air quality in South Canterbury over the next ten years, but I do not see the need to spend the proposed amount for this project (on advertising).	Thank you for your conditional support for 'Clean Air'. We do take this matter seriously and have noted that you do not support use of funds towards advertising. Our air quality programme for South Canterbury going forward has an increased focus on providing for on-ground staff to implement the air plan. We will continue to focus on both replacing older burners with newer, cleaner burners, and addressing smoky chimneys through better burning practices.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Alice Ridley, Christchurch Youth Council	The young people surveyed suggested the Parisian initiative of using road space rationing (odd- and even-numbered days) as a partial solution to pollution problems. The promotion of cleaner burning alternatives for fires and better insulation for housing was also discussed.	The Council has noted your conditional support for our proposal for 'Cleaner Air'. Your views on the following aspects of our proposal were considered: - cleaner burning fires - support for better insulation for housing. Road pollution is currently a relatively small component of air pollution within urban areas.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

Portfolio: Cleaner air
Action: Non-support – no alternative suggested

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Keith Thorpe	You should make interest-free loans to people to replace old heating. It should not be my responsibility or other ratepayers to pay for improvements that you want. Totally disagree with increase of 2.5%.	The Council has noted that you do not support our proposal for 'Cleaner Air'. Your comments on air policy are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Keith Thorpe	Why am I being asked to pay for tackling cleaner air in Timaru, Waimate and Geraldine? This should be paid for by the ratepayers of that area and not form part of my rise.	The Council has noted your comments regarding tackling clean air in Timaru. Under our proposal, any funding assistance for these areas to support cleaner heating will be paid for by these communities.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Elaine Long	Leave our log burners as they are.	The Council notes your comments on log burners. Your comments on air policy operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Keith Palmer	ECan has failed to formulate a plan for the replacement of log burners that would provide some degree of certainty for householders. People who have been required to replace their log burners after the illogical 15-year timeframe will have to go through the process again in another 15 years. Why? ECan failed to make provision in its budget to make any form of subsidy available to all persons having to undergo replacement.	The Council appreciates your comments on our proposal for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
John Smallridge	To replace a burner, without any subsidy, is beyond the scope of most people's finances.	The Council notes your comments on subsidies for wood burner replacements. Our proposal for Clean Air includes provision for some discretionary hardship assistance for low income households where needed.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Robert Amtmann	ECan is pushing people away from sustainable options and towards unaffordable options and is placing vulnerable people at risk.	The Council appreciates your comments on our proposal for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. We take issues of affordability, warm homes and vulnerable people very seriously, and work closely with health boards and district councils on these matters. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

Portfolio: Cleaner air
Action: Non-support – suggested alternative

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Jane Patterson	Cutting out open fires will only make a minor impact on Timaru's winter air. Having used a heat pump, it circulated air and I had a constant cough and the heat was less than satisfactory. We need open fires in times of power cuts or snow disasters.	The Council appreciates your comments in support of the community continuing to be able to burn wood into the future as outlined in your submission. Your comments on air policy are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Mr Craig Mason	Rural burning is necessary. The adverse effects are minor. Environment Canterbury needs to avoid onerous bureaucratic controls on this activity.	The Council appreciates your comments on our proposal for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process. We recognise the economic value and importance of some rural burning and have been working closely with industry to find pragmatic solutions.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
John Smallridge	I don't think there is a clean air issue in Timaru.	The Council appreciates your comments on Clean Air in Timaru and has noted that you don't believe there is an issue. Last year Timaru had forty-two days where national health-based guidelines were exceeded due to poor air quality over winter.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mike Gilbert	You and local councils need to push back. This is an area full of unintended consequences despite its high ideals. Cut wood is plentiful and cheap; the alternatives not nearly so. Your proposals mean the population pays more in three ways - new expensive appliances, more expensive fuel, higher rates because of the costs you incur implementing and policing. The figures for air pollution target wood burners, but what about industry, rural activity and, of course, high particulate-producing diesel engines?	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Jillian Reesby	I believe a funding system should be set up to help those in hardship. As a private homeowner, my biggest concern is to continue to use my wood burner as a heating and emergency cooking appliance.	The Council appreciates your support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Our proposal for Clean Air currently includes provision for some hardship funding for low income households on a needs basis. Your comments on air policy are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Jo Casey, Presbyterian Support Upper South Island	<p>The Presbyterian Support Upper South Island suggests that the proposed changes to how Cantabrians will heat their homes overlook the consequences of living in under-heated homes.</p> <p>It is not our intention to undermine the research which has indicated links to poor health and pollution. However, we do believe it is important to consider the wider context and health implications that these new laws may have.</p> <p>The submitter suggests the timing should be aligned with the availability of affordable heating options; that support should be aligned to those in a vulnerable position regarding access to heating options, including insulation of homes; that the process of changing</p>	The Council appreciates your comments on our proposal for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. We take issues of warm homes, affordability and vulnerable groups very seriously, and work closely with health boards on these matters. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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	is clear, low cost and well supported.		

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Action: Policy, performance, general comment

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Ms Emma Sage	Ensure log burners are able to be installed in new houses and old houses being renovated. Ensure the 'clean air' log burners are affordable and emit the same amount of heat as other fires. Make log burners accessible to all Cantabrians as a source of heating in the home.	The Council has noted your comments regarding wood burners. We do take these matters seriously. Our overarching strategy with regard to achieving cleaner air is for wood burning to be an accessible option for all households in the future whilst still supporting community health and well-being with clean healthy air. These issues of air policy are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Roelant Hofmans	During and after the quakes the only neighbours that could warm water, cook, boil water and provide warmth were those with wood burners. My pellet fire was useless as it requires mains power. We have an abundance of wood as a natural resource. Fast-track the development and availability of wood burners in homes.	The Council appreciates your comments in support of allowing wood burning to continue into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Richard Wheeler	We have a compliant log burner - we plead for ongoing research on burners like ours so they can continue to be used. Support for research on 'effective' log burners to lead to lower levels of discharge.	The Council has noted your comments regarding research. We do take this matter seriously and given its nature we will manage it outside of this Long Term Plan process. This matter is currently included in our work programmes focusing on the development of cleaner wood burners in the future.	That the request for Council to be involved in this activity is noted and that no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Robert Clarke	To allow low emission log burners to be installed in newly rebuilt houses on the same site as earthquake demolished houses that originally had log burners that are located above the inversion layer. Test air quality above the inversion layer and publish the results. Make reasonably-priced log burners available as soon as possible. Bring your testing techniques up to date, similar to numerous overseas methods.	The Council has noted your comments regarding air quality policy and operational matters. We do take this matter seriously and given its nature we will manage it outside of this Long Term Plan process. These matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan. We are also working hard with industry groups to bring to the market cheaper ultra-low emission wood burners and also to take into consideration overseas test methods.	The policy issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Geoffrey	The air in our suburb needs to be cleaned up. We live in the wind	The Council has noted your comments regarding Living Earth and our	That the comments on policy

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King	<p>shadow of the Living Earth composting plant at 4 Metro Place. The offensive odour and dust that the composting operation gives off is unhealthy and is a silent killer.</p> <p>I would like ECan to exercise its warrant and bring this operation to heel. For seven years ECan has done absolutely nothing to stop this killer on our doorstep. ECan did not do its homework when authorising this operation and is equally responsible and needs to sort it out.</p>	<p>compliance operations. We do take this matter seriously and given its nature we will manage it outside of this Long Term Plan process. This matter has been referred to Council's compliance department take this feedback into consideration in the prioritisation of resources.</p>	<p>are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Graham Thompson	<p>Air discharges from industry: Shift emphasis from relatively powerless domestic users and apply more stringent limitations with penalties, as appropriate, to industrial offenders.</p>	<p>The Council has noted your comments regarding air quality policy matters with respect to industry discharges. We do take this matter seriously and given its nature we will manage it outside of this Long Term Plan process. This matter is currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed as part of this process.</p>	<p>That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Therese Berg	<p>Please get real and start focusing on creating more environmentally-friendly fireplaces. I doubt you can cook on heat pumps during a power outage.</p> <p>Stop banning fireplaces and stop banning controlled burn-offs. If you want to ban something, start with your own organisation.</p>	<p>The Council has noted your comments regarding our proposal for 'Clean Air'. We do take this matter seriously and given its nature we will manage it outside of this Long Term Plan process. These matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan.</p>	<p>That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Lee Breahut	<p>I feel that systems are in place to respond to pollution events, but am unclear about how they are managed by staff when notified.</p>	<p>Thank you for your question in relation to systems for pollution response. All complaints received by Environment Canterbury are registered and followed up. In some instances, this may be via a letter or a phone call, and in other cases we might need to undertake further investigations. An annual compliance monitoring report is made public on an annual basis that provides a summary of this information.</p>	<p>That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Nolan Kraiger	<p>I would like to see ECan encourage more people and businesses install solar power for lighting and water heating. Encourage by subsidising in some way.</p>	<p>The Council appreciates comments regarding solar panels. This is not a matter for which the Council has any legislative role.</p>	<p>That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Rhonda Fearnley	<p>The Woolston factory stench has been going on for years. This is an international company that has a huge amount of money - why do they keep getting extensions?</p>	<p>Your comments regarding the Woolston factory stench are noted. We have issued a number of infringement notices and fines to this factory in relation to various odour discharges. Decision-making in relation to further extensions for this operation are now subject to hearings and appeal statutory processes. We are also working hard to improve decision-making in relation to these types of situations for the future, and have included stronger provisions around management of odour in the</p>	<p>That the comments on operations are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>

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		proposed Canterbury Air Regional Plan.	
D M Purser	Try to be reasonable and do not set almost unattainable standards of smoke emissions. You made me replace one wood burner that had only had four fires lit in it with another that, to me, seems almost identical.	The Council has noted your policy comments regarding the replacement of older style wood burners. We do take policy decisions in relation to the replacement of older wood burners seriously. Older wood burners, on the whole, produce more emissions than newer burners that comply with emissions standards. These air policy issues are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	The issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Lindsay Kerr	The statement "When a burner is 15 years-old it must be replaced by a cleaner-burning one" should be taken out of this consultation document. You are assuming that there will have been advancements made in wood burner technology. Please do not include statements that are ambiguous.	The Council has noted your comments regarding our proposal for 'Clean Air'. Low-emitting wood burners, on the whole, produce fewer emissions than older wood burners that do not meet current standards. These matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan.	The issue raised is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Barry Everett	I would like ECan to lobby the Government for cheaper power. The pollution monitors are approximately 1km from the State Highway and the huge diesel trucks and cars are being monitored as home pollution. Move the monitors to more appropriate sites.	The Council has noted your comments regarding the location of our air quality monitoring stations and cheaper power. Strict guidelines apply in the location of air quality monitoring stations and they are located in order to monitor air pollution from a range of sources. We do take this matter seriously and given its nature we will manage it outside of this Long Term Plan process. This matter has been referred to Council's air quality science team.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Ms Kat McAra	I am concerned about diesel-powered vehicle emissions. Diesel fume particulates are a known carcinogen. Educate the public about how they can reduce their exposure.	The Council appreciates your comments in support of Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process. We do monitor air quality emissions from vehicles and work closely with both the New Zealand Transport Agency and the health boards toward management of this issue. Current air quality monitoring overall does not indicate that the concentrations of contaminants from diesel emissions are a concern at the present time. We will continue to monitor and publish information for the public on this issue.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Gary Whiteside	Your plan to force people to replace wood burners after 15 years is absurd. Change the period to 20-25 years. Concentrate on the pollution for diesel cars and trucks.	The Council appreciates your comments on our proposal for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr and Mrs	We would be pleased to see old coal and log burners done away	The Council has noted your policy comments regarding old coal and log	That the comments on policy

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Tom and Nancy Quinn	with.	burners. We do take this matter seriously and given its policy nature we will manage it outside of this Long Term Plan process. This matter is currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Regional Air Plan.	are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Denys Hadfield	Christchurch air quality has improved. What are the plans for low income clean heating in 2015?	The Council has noted your comments regarding air quality. Some targeted hardship funding is provided in 2015 to assist low income households replace non-complying wood burners. This funding is limited and is based on a needs' assessment.	That the operational matter is noted and communicated to the appropriate Council officer for action.
Michael Brathwaite	Christchurch ratepayers have funded the improvement of the air here, and shouldn't have to pay for the efforts to do the same elsewhere.	The Council has noted your comments regarding home heating funding assistance for areas other than Christchurch. Any funding assistance provided to households in locations other than Christchurch will be paid for by these other communities. This funding assistance is not paid for by Christchurch ratepayers.	The issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Dr. John Elliott	The automatic phasing out of the log burners over 15 years is an expensive business. There is no need to be so strict in your interpretation of the clean air zone. Air quality is a public health issue, not an environmental issue.	The Council has noted your comments regarding our proposal for 'Cleaner Air'. We do take this matter seriously and given its nature we will manage it outside of this Long Term Plan process. The matter you raise is currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Andrea Clinick	Odour - stock trucks, dust, noise. Work with LTNZ to alter their passage through our street.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on local air quality concerns have been noted and referred to Council's operational staff.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Deborah Minchington	Air quality, I believe, should also include help for solar panels to be placed on rental homes, in an effort to break power monopoly.	The Council appreciates comments regarding solar panels. This is not a matter for which the Council has any legislative role.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr Ross Manson	I oppose your policy on wood fires.	The Council has noted that you do not support the proposal for Clean Air.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Adrienne Chin	Allow for very low emission wood fires into homes with no pre-existing wood log fire. Formulate regulations to allow this.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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		Plan and will be addressed through this process.	
John Rosanowski	ECan must review its air pollution policy and require the New Zealand Government to amend legislation in the light of new research as published 14.03.15 by Dr. Jan Wright.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Steve Hadler	Let people be warm during the winter months instead of making them feel like criminals.	The Council appreciates your comments on our proposal for Clean Air. We take the issue of warm homes and clean air seriously and work closely with health boards, district councils and other organisations to provide help and assistance to households having to make heating changes. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Ms Elizabeth Norton	With regards to clean air, consider the comments made recently by the environment commissioner Jan Wright on clean air testing.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Lewis Surgenor	Trees grown for firewood produce oxygen and provide employment. Why encourage the use of power when it's so expensive?	The Council appreciates your comments on our Clean Air proposal as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Christine Teasdale	Regularly test levels of sulphur dioxide and fluoride being discharged into the air. Check that no rock phosphate is stored outside. There were metal test pieces at a Hornby property. Has anyone checked these?	The Council has noted your comments on air quality monitoring. These comments have been referred to the Council's air quality monitoring team.	That the comments on operations are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Neville Sinclair	We should not emphasise smokeless chimneys just because it's easy and cosmetic, but should be honest about the less visible dangers associated with reticulation, PCBs in transformers and sulphur hexafluoride in switch gear.	The Council appreciates your comments on our proposal for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Janice	My main concern is about the effect of the clean air strategy on	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as	That the comments on policy

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Lavelle	people with low incomes. I would like to see more leniency with 'efficient' wood burners. Who, in their right mind, is going to pay \$11,000 for the model currently on the market? The reality is our housing stock is old and much of it poorly designed for this climate.	outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr Barry Jones	Tackling air pollution - \$21.5m. Electricity is not dependable in a disaster; log fires are essential. Ensure, to the best of your ability, that only dry wood is sold.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Bruce King	The air quality around and in the wind shadow of industrial sites needs to be able to be more rigorously monitored and problems rectified asap. There are sites that regularly break their consent and endanger people's lives.	Thank you for your support for 'Clean Air'. We do take this operational matter seriously and given its nature we will manage it outside of this Long Term Plan process. Air discharges from industrial sites are subject to strict conditions and monitoring. In addition, the Council maintains a pollution hot line number for any complaints. This matter has been referred to the Council's consent monitoring department.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Peter and Belinda Nicholson	Stop crop and forestry burn-offs.	Thank you for your support for 'Clean Air'. We do take this matter seriously and given its nature we will manage it outside of this Long Term Plan process. These matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Jim Kroening	Your aim of one dirty night per year is not achievable. You would be better off assisting people to replace open fires with log burners.	Thank you for comment on our proposal for 'Clean Air'. We do take this matter seriously and given its nature we will manage it outside of this Long Term Plan process. Our air quality programme currently includes discretionary financial help and assistance for low income households.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Janet Milne	I do not want restrictions placed on the installation of low emission wood burners.	The Council notes your comments on log burners. Your comments on air policy operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mrs Anderson	The upgrading to more effective log burners is a very good move for Christchurch. However, stop short-dating products, such as log burners, for renewal. The cost to replace an existing one is ridiculous and the process is exhausting.	The Council appreciates your support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
William Phillips	It is essential that home heating is not dependent on reticulated supplies. Increase its funding and emphasis on developing, providing and installing ultra-low emission wood burners.	The Council appreciates your support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan

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	<p>Rural burn-offs are an issue requiring more focus. Fund research into alternatives to rural burn-offs.</p> <p>Industrial air pollution is not effectively dealt with. Improve the response time to incidents of industrial pollution.</p>	this process.	2015-25 is recommended.
Dennis Armishaw	Stop the use of smoulder fires in the destruction of forestry, vegetation, dead animals, etc.	Thank you for your support for 'Clean Air'. We do take this matter seriously and given its nature we will manage it outside of this Long Term Plan process. These matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Lesley Brown	The submitter has raised complaints concerning a polluting industry in Hornby.	The Council has noted your comments regarding air pollution in Hornby as outlined in your submission. Your comments on air operational matters have been referred to the Council's compliance monitoring team.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Vivien Bishop	<p>Rural burn-offs and stubble burning should have been prohibited. Industry also needs tighter controls.</p> <p>Have compulsory exhaust emission testing.</p>	<p>Thank you for your support for 'Clean Air'. We do take this matter seriously and given its nature we will manage it outside of this Long Term Plan process. These matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan. This review includes considerations of tight controls for industry on emissions and better management of rural burn-offs, including stubble burning.</p> <p>Exhaust emission testing is a matter for the New Zealand Transport Authority.</p>	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Peter Edmonds	I consider that a large portion of the perceived pollution is commercial diesel vehicle exhaust, industrial chimneys and trapped mist and sea mist. ECan's goal of totally clear air is unobtainable.	The Council has noted your comments on sources of air pollution and our proposal for Clean Air. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Richard and Linda Lucy	Stop stubble burning.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Allison Dunn	My submission involves the Ravensdown plant in Hornby. I was appalled when they were granted consent to remain there. Christchurch has expanded greatly since the plant was built in 1922. Today the Hornby area has a little less than 26,000	The Council has noted your comments regarding air pollution in Hornby as outlined in your submission. Your comments on air operational matters have been referred to the Council's compliance monitoring team.	That the comments on operations are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is

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	<p>residents and is set to increase.</p> <p>I want Environment Canterbury to monitor, re-test and revise the suitability of this plant. I have concerns for the health and welfare of the local residents. If this plumage can damage houses and windows, imagine what it is doing to the people that live here.</p>		recommended.
Kelvin Bakkenes	<p>The world's best log burner is never going to achieve clean burning with green, wet, damp wood.</p> <p>Educate homeowners and firewood merchants by way of chain of responsibility and public awareness.</p>	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Council currently has a Good Wood programme with firewood merchants and is proposing to extend this in the future.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Philippa Tyrrell	<p>Since the Commissioner concluded that log burners, using dry wood, do not contribute significantly to air pollution and are carbon neutral, ECan should be lobbying government to permit people to install wood burners.</p> <p>The urgent monitoring of diesel exhaust pollution in Lyttelton should be a priority.</p>	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Graham Robinson	<p>Make sure pollution from diesel and petrol vehicles is also properly assessed as part of the total pollution problem.</p>	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr Harold Brown	<p>I would like the manufacturing part of Ravensdown moved away from this district. The submitter lists problems associated with the location of the plant.</p>	The Council has noted your comments regarding air pollution in Hornby as outlined in your submission. Your comments on air operational matters have been referred to the Council's compliance monitoring team.	That the comments on operations are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr and Mrs Grove	<p>The Ravensdown factory affects our health and houses.</p> <p>The submitter lists seven effects.</p>	The Council has noted your comments regarding air pollution in Hornby as outlined in your submission. Your comments on air operational matters have been referred to the Council's compliance monitoring team.	That the comments on operations are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Radim	<p>I would like Environment Canterbury to move the Ravensdown plant out of the area.</p>	The Council has noted your comments regarding air pollution in Hornby as outlined in your submission. Your comments on air operational matters	That the comments on operations are noted and that no change to the proposed

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Labounek	The submitter lists health and property issues.	have been referred to the Council's compliance monitoring team.	Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Hsueh Hsiu-Chi	I would like Environment Canterbury to move the Ravensdown plant out of the area. The submitter lists health and property issues.	The Council has noted your comments regarding air pollution in Hornby as outlined in your submission. Your comments on air operational matters have been referred to the Council's compliance monitoring team.	That the comments on operations are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Ray Inwood	I object to your proposal to phase out current low emission log burners after 15 years. Stop shifting the goal posts if you are in fact serious about allowing wood burning as a home heating option.	The Council appreciates your comments on our proposal for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Hilary Iles	Rural burn-offs should be stopped.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Justine Carson-Iles	Rural burn-offs are an issue that seem to 'drift' into the towns.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Brian Lancaster, National Beekeepers Association, Canterbury Branch	Under the Biosecurity Act 1993, beekeepers have a procedure for burning AFB hives for the elimination of American Foul Brood (AFB). I would like Environment Canterbury to ensure that any new rules will allow this activity to continue as, by law under the Biosecurity Act 1993, this is mandatory.	The Council notes your comments on burning and bee management practices. Your comments on air policy operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Les Rawlings	Ravensdown puts out more pollution in Christchurch than the whole of Timaru. Your emission rules are too tough on log fires - relax them.	The Council has noted your comments regarding the Ravensdown plant in Hornby. We are committed to working with industry to ensure that they play their part in helping to clean up our air alongside the residential and rural sectors. These comments have been referred to the Council's Monitoring and Compliance team for follow up. Stronger provisions for managing odour, dust and industrial discharges to air quality are also	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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		included in the proposed Canterbury Air Regional Plan.	
Errol Johns	<p>The issue of air quality is a confusing and poorly informed one at best. Why do you constantly drum into us the need to burn dry firewood, but allow the constant removal of windbreaks on farmland to be left to smoulder and smoke for a month? How are we expected to come up with \$5,000 to replace a log burner with a cleaner option?</p> <p>I would like to see less bullying tactics.</p>	The Council has noted your comments regarding our proposal for 'Clean Air'. We do take this matter seriously and given its nature we will manage it outside of this Long Term Plan process. These matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Karen Brownie, Avebury Community House	We need efficient clean-burning log burners and environmentally-friendly and cost-effective alternatives to electricity.	The Council appreciates your support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Lex Westoby	<p>Dairy farms spraying effluent onto paddocks at night is a health concern.</p> <p>There is a noticeable bad odour in the air which is unpleasant. Asthma symptoms of submitter's family are worsened when visiting.</p>	The Council appreciates your support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
James and Jill Daly	<p>The air quality has significantly decreased because of an increase in dairy farming and spraying of dairy farm effluent using high pressure systems which create aerosols and excessive odours and potentially adverse health effects.</p> <p>The submitter refers to research regarding adverse health effects and requests ECan to consider the matter.</p>	The Council appreciates your support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Adele Churchman	<p>It is essential that we retain clean air in the rural areas. Spraying of effluent out of a centre pivot and the resultant air pollution and smell is not acceptable.</p> <p>Monitor closely such discharges. Act when complaints are made. Forbid this practice where there are close properties that can be affected by wind-carried particulate matter.</p>	The Council appreciates your support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Lee Breahut	Continue to clean up the air in populated areas. Support lower income families and people living alone to gain warmer homes. Monitor closely industrial air pollution. Encourage new farming practices that don't use rural burn-offs in times of restrictive fire status periods.	Thank you for your support for our 'Clean Air' proposal. Our LTP proposal addresses the matters you have raised including providing support for low income households, continuing to monitor industry emissions and requiring better management of rural burning.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr Bruce Smith	Have stricter controls over rural fires.	The Council appreciates your support for Clean Air. We do take this matter seriously and given its nature we will manage it outside of this Long Term Plan process. This matter is currently being addressed as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Joseph Hatton	Ban log fires completely. We are in the 21st Century. Move on.	Thank you for your support for 'Clean Air'. We do take this matter seriously and given its nature we will manage it outside of this Long Term Plan process. These matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Brian Lilburn	Smoke and all forms of pollution have health effects and shorten lives. Give more 'muscle' to fire bans and smoke bans, and regulate as strictly as reasonable.	The Council appreciates your comments in support of Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Hayley Powell	We have been living in the dust bowl of the Johns Road widening for months. Be more proactive and be seen to be taking air pollution seriously.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Lin Christie	Forbid burning crop residue for good.	The Council appreciates your support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
A G Wright	Timaru city and district to totally ban the use of coal for home heating. Ban the use of open fires and multi-fuel burners. Monitor hospital and freezing works' boilers 24/7. Enforce a complete ban on rubbish fires during winter over the whole district - farmers included.	The Council appreciates your support for Clean Air as outlined in your submissions and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Ian Hodge	That ECan takes more notice of private suppliers of firewood as firewood sold is often of poor quality and not sufficiently dried to be suitable for clean air burning in many wood burners. Perhaps ECan could have approved firewood suppliers.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Council currently has a Good Wood programme with firewood merchants who abide by agreed quality standards.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Thelma Tima Tane	The air here in Waimate has greatly improved within the last ten years. In the event of a major earthquake, what contingency plans does the Waimate District Council have when the public and homeowners may have to use their wood burners?	The Council appreciates your comments on our proposal for Clean Air in Waimate. Our proposal for Clean Air in Waimate allows households to continue to use wood burners into the future. Some provisions regarding the replacement of older burners are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Ben Griffin	Farmers emit way more carbon than residential areas and yet residents pay more. Farmers should pay too on emissions and be encouraged to get rid of organic and recyclable waste appropriately. Burn-offs cast a cloud over nearby towns. Why are restrictions not concentrated on these huge polluting culprits who affect the lives of the people? As a regional council your first priority should be to the people who put you there, not industry and business.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Lance Win	Allowing the continued use of wood burning is to be commended. Plans to move to zero emission burners need to be tempered with a programme to assist households with newly-purchased/replaced burners.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Di Skidmore	Living near us a householder continues to burn a variety of material which creates foul-smelling smoke. I would like to see the control of indoor fires extended to include summer as well. Burning-off I can understand, and have some sympathy for the farming community.	Thank you for your support for 'Clean Air'. We do take this matter seriously and given its nature we will manage it outside of this Long Term Plan process. These matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan. Home heating provisions in the proposed Plan would apply all year round and not just during winter.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Peter Scholes	I would like to see ECan take a firmer line on air pollution and I believe key changes are needed.	The Council appreciates your support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Harley Henderson	<p>Expedite high quality, low emission burners and introduce them to Christchurch.</p> <p>Assist manufacturers of modern, low emission burners to introduce them to the Christchurch market and at a reasonable cost.</p>	The Council appreciates your support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Our proposal for Clean Air is currently focusing on working with manufacturers to develop better wood burners. Your comments on air policy are also currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Janice Donaldson	Yes to air quality.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Margaret Davies	<p>I would like to see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a larger proportion go towards cleaner air - a stronger drive towards ultra-low emission burners - better rural and industrial management to educate and prevent the burning of polluting materials. 	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Our proposals are very aligned to your suggested approach.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Pat and Barry Brooker	Continue with initiatives that create improved burning and reduce smoke emissions from domestic fires.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Fraser Ross	I support your proposals to improve air quality and also reduce smoke pollution in rural areas.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr A G Talbot	I support the aims outlined in the summary of this section.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Ms Anne	We support the extension of clean air education, grants and initiatives to South Canterbury towns.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Griffiths		the future.	2015-25 is recommended.
Ms Anne Griffiths	Crop stubble burning is a significant autumn air polluter and depletes soil carbon storage. It should be phased out within the lifetime of this Plan.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Hilary Iles	I totally agree with your summary. Support people on low incomes to effect the changes.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and will be addressed through this process.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Justine Carson-Iles	I agree with all the goals in this section in regards to clean air.	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

Portfolio: Council priorities
Action: Conditional support

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Rosemary Neave	We have fantastic drinking water in Christchurch city - we must maintain it. Improving waterways is a high priority. Commitment to supporting biodiversity in the region is a priority, as well as supporting projects already addressing this, such as the Merk walkway.	The Council appreciates your expression of support for our priorities around water management and biodiversity projects.	That the support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Hermann Frank	I fully agree with the proposal to spend more on improving water quality over the next ten years, but funding for biodiversity projects needs to be maintained or increased. The graph on page 9 demonstrates the small percentage spent on biodiversity.	The Council appreciates your expression of support for our priorities around water management and notes your view on biodiversity funding.	That the support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr A G Talbot	The submitter supports the key changes, with exception of air where expenditure could be reduced by at least 10% over the next decade.	The Council appreciates your support for the priorities identified in our Consultation Document. We specifically note your request to reduce expenditure in the 'Air' activity over the next ten years.	That the request is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mary McCammon	I am much more concerned about farm discharge to waterways than a smoky chimney in a house.	The Council notes your mixed support on our proposal. Water management is clearly an important priority, which you agree with. The other priorities also serve an important part of improving the well-being of Canterbury residents and the environment.	That the mixed support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Rachel Hurford, Forest and Bird, North Canterbury Branch	It would have been useful in this section to be informed with more clarity re reductions in funding. Where will they impact? How large will they be?	The Council has noted your comment about the Consultation Document. This is the Council's first attempt at communicating in this way, across the region, on what is a relatively diverse and complex business. Our external auditors have closely reviewed this document and are satisfied with the level we have pitched the document at. Underneath this document we did provide detailed information about our activities; this was advertised and available on our website. Our intention is to continue improving how we present and provide access to information about our activities in future community planning processes.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Action: Non-support – no alternative suggested

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Mr Barry Jones	\$7m for more accessible information is a duplication of local body systems which are already in place.	The Council has noted your comments and is not aware of any significant issue associated with duplication of systems. The Council is of the view that the cost of not moving ahead with this priority will result in far greater costs over the longer term for the community.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mike Gilbert	Other than fulfilling the region's demand for better water management, the submitter does not support the proposed changes.	The Council notes your mixed support on our proposal. Water management is clearly an important priority, which you agree with. The other priorities also serve an important part of improving the well-being of Canterbury residents and the environment.	That the mixed support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Action: Non-support – suggested alternative

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Neville Sinclair	Neither we as citizens, nor ECan as an organisation, can achieve our avowed environmental objectives without facing up to the current causes of our future problems. The most useful role is in educating each other about our ability to find life abundant with less.	The Council has noted your comments.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Steve McNeill	Key areas of the Council's activities seem to take a secondary role to the production of glossy, feel-good, political publications.	The Council has noted your comment about the Consultation Document. This is the Council's first attempt at communicating in this way, across the region, on what is a relatively diverse and complex business. Our external auditors have closely reviewed this document and are satisfied with the level we have pitched the document at. Underneath this document we did provide detailed information about our activities; this was advertised and available on our website. Our intention is to continue improving how we present and provide access to information about our activities in future community planning processes.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Craig Benbow	I have found this document too general, apart from the setting of rates, to be very informative. It makes general statements about what is to occur without any concrete objectives or targets set. I wonder if, at the end of the ten-year tenure of this document, whether we could measure exactly where we have got to in terms of all the items talked about. I would like Environment Canterbury to quantify and detail the objectives being sought by the plans this document overlays.	The Council has noted your comment about the Consultation Document. This is the Council's first attempt at communicating in this way, across the region, on what is a relatively diverse and complex business. Our external auditors have closely reviewed this document and are satisfied with the level we have pitched the document at. Underneath this document we did provide detailed information about our activities; this was advertised and available on our website. Our intention is to continue improving how we present and provide access to information about our activities in future community planning processes.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Vladimir Golovko	Cut spending! Advise specific, measurable targets as opposed to a vague 'wish list'. What are the chances of an independent performance review of an organisation that spends millions of dollars of public money?	The Council has noted that you do not support the proposed level of rates increase. Your views on keeping rates increases at the level of inflation were considered. The proposed level of rates increase, which is more than inflation, is required to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community.	That the non-support and suggested alternative is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mr Frank Hill	The overall rate increases are too high and should be in line with the Consumer Price Index.	The Council has noted that you do not support the proposed level of rates increase. Your views on keeping rates increases at the level of inflation were considered. The proposed level of rates increase, which is more than inflation, is required to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community.	That the non-support and suggested alternative is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Sue Stubenvoll	Accessible information: No, the money spent on upgrading systems is wasted - just improve data and service.	he Council notes and understands your concern regarding expenditure and risk associated with system improvements. There is a relationship between improving data and improving accessibility to it. We currently have many in our community calling for improved access to information that currently exists. Access to this information improves understanding about those things that matter to the Council and the community and ultimately supports better decision-making.	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Karen Brownie, Avebury Community House	If less was spent on the water management plan for the time being, I would prefer to see the money spent more wisely on pest management.	The Council has noted your preference for prioritising more funding to pest management.	That the support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Action: Support

Full Name	Submission summary	Action officer evaluation	Recommendation
Lee Breahut	Keep up the current communication with the general public. Your consultation document is excellent.	Your support for the Council's efforts on improving our communication to the community about our strategic and service priorities is really appreciated. This was our first attempt at this type of communication for the Long Term Plan and we hope you will see further improvements in the future - improvements that are occurring at no additional cost to ratepayers.	That the support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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Allan Hunter	<p>This document is the first I can remember receiving from Environment Canterbury. It is clear, informative, and a democratic way of bringing me up to date.</p> <p>I like the close co-operation with Ngai Tahu, whose modern views are a big improvement on early Māori ways.</p>	Your support for the Council's efforts on building a stronger relationship with Ngāi Tahu, along with improving our broader communication to the community on our longer-term priorities, is really appreciated.	That the support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
M Yurjevich	I support all of ECan's aims.	The Council appreciates your expression of support for our priorities.	That the support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Brian Turner	Yes to the Treaty partnerships.	Your support for the Council's efforts in building a stronger relationship with Ngāi Tahu is appreciated.	That the support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Fraser Ross	Improving the region's water quality is a most important function to be worked on.	The Council notes your expression of support for our priorities around water management.	That the support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Dr Alistair Humphrey, Community and Public Health, CDHB	<p>The CDHB overall is very supportive of the Plan, while making a number of recommendations for the Council to consider which would further improve health outcomes for the community.</p> <p>The submitter provides a detailed report listing support and recommendations across the portfolios. Recommendations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - accessibility considered for present and future planning of public transport services - a public rail transport service established within the Canterbury region - inclusion of a paragraph to explain linkages between air quality and home heating - reference made and funding specified to support initiatives such as the insulation grant and appliance conversion grant 	<p>The Council appreciates the supportive comments and notes the requests/recommendations relating to air quality, protection of water quality during flood events, and enforcement of rules.</p> <p>Transport:</p> <p>The Council appreciates CDHB's support for public transport as we continue to work together on our joint transport work programme to ensure services are accessible for the whole community. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows.</p>	The full submission is noted and no change is recommended to the Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - further links between health and flood protection identified in the Plan, in particular, Environment Canterbury to identify the need for drinking water supplies to be protected during flooding events - Environment Canterbury to continue to enforce the rules they have in place, but also support education and discussion as a first step to mitigating issues rather than formal responses - health boards be listed as a key partner in each of the programmes, except navigational and recreational boat safety, specifically in planning for public health post-event. 		

Portfolio: Draft revenue and financing policy
Action: Conditional support

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Margery Giles	I agree with the Lower Waitaki River Control Scheme proposal.	The Council has noted that you are concerned about the proposed level of rates increase. Non-priority savings of \$1.3 million have already been identified in the preparation of this Plan as the Council is conscious of the effect of increased rates on the general populace. The proposed level of rates increase which is more than inflation is to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community. Council continues to engage with central government on a raft of community issues and will continue to do so. Your support for the Lower Waitaki River Control Scheme as it is proposed is noted.	That the conditional support and suggested alternative is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Lisa Smith, Wainono Area Drainage Scheme Committees	<p>Environment Canterbury's contribution to the 2014/2015 maintenance of the Waihao Box:</p> <p>In addition to land drainage benefits, the Waihao Box provides environmental and recreational benefits for the wider Wainono catchment and Canterbury region.</p> <p>It is inappropriate for rates collected to provide land drainage benefits to 100% fund works which also deliver significant environmental and recreational benefits.</p> <p>It is appropriate to contribute \$200,000 from the Council's general reserves to partially fund the recent repairs to the Waihao Box.</p> <p>Amalgamation of the six schemes:</p> <p>That the six schemes, and the associated land area, be amalgamated into the Wainono-Waihao Flood and Drainage Scheme.</p> <p>Proposed funding regime:</p> <p>The creation of a new funding regime is unnecessary and is inefficient in this circumstance.</p> <p>The application of the 50:25:25 Te Waihora Funding Regime better</p>	<p>The Council has noted your comments regarding the amalgamation of the six schemes into a combined Waihao-Wainono Flood and Drainage Scheme.</p> <p>The six schemes have different rating contribution factors at present. Formulae need to be developed to amalgamate them into a single entity.</p> <p>The 60/30/10 formula was proposed on the basis of accommodating best the six different rating contribution formulas, acknowledging the wide benefit to the district by moving that proportion to a consistent 30%, reducing the burden on each of the targeted rates and maintaining consistency across the region by retaining a 10% region-wide general rate contribution. For all but one scheme, the general rate contribution has increased from 5% to 10%.</p> <p>Commissioners considered that the Waihao Box service to the schemes and the wider Waimate district and saw no justification in making any contribution to the loan repayment from the regional ratepayer.</p>	That the conditional support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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	<p>reflects the benefits of the operation of the amalgamated scheme.</p> <p>That the proposed Wainono-Waihao Flood and Drainage Scheme be subject to the existing 50:25:25 Te Waihora Funding Regime.</p>		

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Robert Amtmann	<p>Ashley River Control Scheme proposal - it appears ECan is taking advantage of a much higher density area to increase its overall \$ intake substantially. I would like ECan to present a full independent and transparent study.</p>	<p>The Council has noted that you are concerned about the proposed level of rating in the Ashley River scheme. Overall, Ashley River catchment rates have fallen from \$597,022 in the year 2014/15 to \$587,131 in the draft 2015/16 proposal, i.e. a drop of 1.6%. The original river scheme did not take into account the new developments in Pegasus or Waikuku Beach so the incidence of rating has changed to reflect these developments.</p>	<p>That the submitter's comments are noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
Mr Frank Hill	<p>There should be greater use of targeted and user pay rates. Since the Bazley dictatorship has been in place there has been a move to increase urban rates at a greater rate than rural charges.</p> <p>As a Christchurch city resident, I am not paying for monitoring (or any cost) of wallaby control in South Canterbury. I strongly oppose this being included as a general rate.</p>	<p>The Council has noted your comments regarding the overall incidence of rating among rural and urban ratepayers. The statement that rural rates have decreased and urban rates increased is very broad and mistaken. For example, the two rating districts considered predominantly urban are Christchurch and Timaru, and in these cases the Christchurch rate has increased but the Timaru rate has in fact decreased. Similarly the other rural rating districts demonstrate a mix of three rates increases and five rates decreases. The increase in Christchurch rates is largely related to the provision of passenger transport services and new initiatives related to air quality within the city airshed. The reduction in rural rates, where it has occurred, is contributed to by a reduction in pest management-related rates reflecting the cessation of funding the old Animal Health Board initiatives. Clearly these reductions impact more on rural ratepayers than urban.</p> <p>General rates, for your information, as a percentage of total rates have fallen from 52% in 2010/11 to the current percentage of 36% in 2014/15.</p> <p>Your comment regarding South Canterbury wallaby control is noted. No rating for that particular activity has been undertaken in the past ten years, nor is any wallaby control rating proposed under this Plan.</p>	<p>That the non-support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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Action: Non-support – suggested alternative

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Mr Donald Foster, D & P Foster Family Trust	Continued rate increases by local government agencies above projected inflation rates is unsustainable for ratepayers on restricted incomes. An increasing proportion of retired folk in the community have limited capacity to increase income levels. Start with the discipline of zero-rate increases in real terms and developing a programme of works within that budget.	The Council has noted that you do not support the proposed level of rates increase. Your views on not increasing rates increases at the level of inflation were considered. The proposed level of rates increase required is to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community.	That the non-support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Tony Moody	It seems ridiculous that Pegasus rates go down because of the small likelihood of flooding when the run-off of storm water from this area must add greatly to the flooding risk of downstream properties. Urban dwellers need to be charged a lot more.	The Council notes your comments that relate to our Funding and Financing Policy.	That the comment is noted and that no change to the Funding and Financing Policy is recommended.
Gert V'ant Klooster, Lower Waitaki River Liaison Committee	<p>The 2015-25 Long Term Plan proposes a change in the river management approach to 'reduce reliance on heavy bank protection works, to pull back farming activities from the riverbanks, and develop vegetation buffer zones'.</p> <p>The Committee supports the goals of pulling back farming activities and developing buffer zones.</p> <p>The Committee opposes the proposed \$150,000 reduction in the works programme, but supports a \$70,000 reduction in the works programme which would enable heavy protection works.</p> <p>The Long Term Plan proposes to 'align the rating of the Lower Waitaki Scheme with other major river protection schemes ... which means the targeted rate will increase from 20% to 42%, and the works and services and general rate components will each decrease from 20% to 9%'. This submission opposes the Long Term Plan proposal as it stands.</p>	<p>The impact of increasing maintenance by \$80,000 for the protection of primary areas is that more revenue will be required and that the Otago Regional Council (ORC) will need to agree to a change from the figure it has in its draft Long Term Plan. This is not straightforward given that ORC was the prime mover for a substantial reduction in expenditure. Environment Canterbury cannot move unless ORC does, otherwise Environment Canterbury ratepayers would need to cover the ORC default unless we reject the expenditure change. Meridian is willing to co-fund the increase.</p> <p>The second matter relates to the changed funding regime. As the Council understands it, the submitters will buy into this subject to a minor change in the way we calculate the rates. They want the Meridian contribution treated as part of the targeted rate. It is not unusual to treat contributions in this way; however, in all other cases, the contribution is a substantially smaller proportion. The change sought dilutes the primary objective which was to get a closer alignment of the targeted rate with ORC's targeted rate.</p>	That the non-support and suggested alternative is noted and no change to the funding regime is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25. The \$80,000 increased expenditure will be considered subject to support from the Otago Regional Council. Environment Canterbury looks forward to receiving the submission from the Liaison Committee in person.

Portfolio: Draft revenue and financing policy
Action: Policy, performance, general comment

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Robert	I think it is fair that the majority of the 'burden' falls on the industry	The Council notes your willingness to support the Council in this area	That the submitter's comments

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Urquhart	<p>using/contaminating the resource. As something which has long been considered plentiful, water in Canterbury is already well into being a case study of the 'Tragedy of the Commons'. It is regrettable that only by placing an explicit opportunity cost on the inefficient use of a resource do we seem to be able to break this 'unlimited for all' mindset.</p> <p>Stream augmentation projects: If these trials prove successful they will result in benefits; as such I am happy for them come out of 'my/our' rates.</p>	and the desire to see polluters pay.	are noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Rosemary Neave	Rural waterways - yes to supporting farmers to address this, but it is important that they pay their share of this and not get a free ride. Where they are polluting them and profiting from this they must be held accountable.	The Council notes your willingness to support the Council in this area and the desire to see polluters pay.	That the submitter's comments are noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Nikki Beardsley	Surely those who pollute should bear the cost of the clean up? As a ratepayer, I would object to paying to support a \$1 million industry to clean up its mess when that industry was the cause of the pollution.	The Council notes your willingness to support the Council in this area and the desire to see polluters pay.	That the submitter's comments are noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mark Tyrrell	I would not like to pay more for ECan to respond to discharge events. I would like to see the polluters pay.	The Council notes your willingness to support the Council in this area and the desire to see polluters pay.	That the submitter's comments are noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
William Stevens	Who should pay? Those who benefit from the use of the water and those whose practices are, or have been, responsible for poor water quality should meet the cost by way of a targeted rate. All projects should be funded in this way.	The Council notes your willingness to support the Council in this area and the desire to see polluters pay.	That the submitter's comments are noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Steve McNeill	<p>Christchurch city ratepayers are called upon to provide a disproportionate amount of funds. These funds would be better spent directly within the city rather than used as proposed by this Plan.</p> <p>Be transparent and honest regarding the urban subsidy for rural activities in Canterbury. Reduce the ratepayer take from Christchurch residents and ratepayers and adopt a targeted user pays funding regime where the farming community fund works that create future profits for them.</p>	<p>The Council has noted that you do not support the proposed rates increases. Your views on the issue of urban ratepayers subsidising rural ratepayers were considered. The capital value of individual rural ratepayers is generally greater than that of individual urban ratepayers, so any individual rural ratepayer is likely to pay more in rates than an urban ratepayer. In addition, the benefits of water management accrue to both the rural and urban community.</p> <p>Targeted rates as proposed will comprise 65% of the total rate requirement in the 2015/16 year.</p>	That the non-support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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Mary McCammon	I feel that, in water management, the companies making profits from the dairy industry should be the guardians of the waterways, not just ratepayers and farmers.	<p>The Council notes your willingness to support the Council in the water area and the desire to see polluters pay.</p> <p>The Council is implementing its water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community now and in the future.</p>	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Rachel Hurford, Forest and Bird, North Canterbury Branch	There is no detail on how this rate is split between urban/rural in the document, and we believe this should be clarified. We support the principal of the polluter pays regarding water quality.	<p>The relative size of each of the ten district councils' valuation bases compared to the entire Canterbury region is disclosed on pages 59-60 of Environment Canterbury's Financial Statements and Accounting Policies document. See www.ecan.govt.nz/plans.</p> <p>Christchurch city valuation for example is 54.49% of the Environment Canterbury region and, therefore, would incur that percentage of the region's general rate requirement. Note targeted rates over parts of the region would incur different percentages depending on which groups of ratepayers benefit, i.e. bus services mostly occur in Christchurch and Timaru, so those cities incur the vast majority of transport rates.</p> <p>The Council notes your willingness to support the Council in the water area and the desire to see polluters pay.</p>	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Craig Benbow	Ensure that those responsible for reduced flows and decreasing water quality are those who contribute most to restoring waterways.	The Council notes your willingness to support the Council in this area and the desire to see polluters pay.	That the conditional support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
John Skipper	Pollution to be on a polluter-pays basis, not a charge against general rates.	The Council notes your willingness to support the Council in this area and the desire to see polluters pay.	That the comment on policy is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Les Rawlings	Your charges to the rural ratepayers are subsidising town-dwellers. Charging by valuation only is unfair. It should be by 50% per property and 50% valuation.	The Council has noted your comments regarding the overall incidence of rating among rural and urban rate payers. The statement that rural ratepayers are subsidising urban ratepayers is very broad and mistaken. For example, the two rating districts considered predominantly urban are Christchurch and Timaru, and in these cases the Christchurch rate has increased but the Timaru rate has in fact decreased. Similarly the other rural rating districts demonstrate a mix of three rates increases and five rates decreases. The increase in Christchurch rates is largely related to the provision of passenger transport services and new initiatives related to air quality within the city airshed. The reduction in rural rates, where it has occurred, is contributed to by a reduction in pest management-related rates reflecting the cessation of funding the old Animal Health	That the comment on policy is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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		Board initiatives. Clearly these reductions impact more on rural ratepayers than urban. The incidence of rating, if a 50% uniform general charge per property was imposed, would severely impact on lower-valued properties and ratepayers' ability to pay. Legislation currently prevents councils imposing a uniform general charge of more than 30% of their total rates requirement.	
Sue Stubenvoll	Stream improvements benefit urban and rural residents, so target rates by full catchment area.	Council currently rate Canterbury Water Management Strategy activities using a targeted rate across the whole of the Canterbury region, so any stream improvement project would be met by all ratepayers. The Council notes your support for the current policy.	That the support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mr Andrew Feierabend, Meridian Energy Ltd	Request: That Environment Canterbury adopts the Lower Waitaki River Rating and Level of Service Proposal, but considers increasing the channel realignment works budget to the level of the financial year 2014/15 of \$70,000 compared with the proposed \$19,000 on the basis Meridian meets 40% of its proportional share. That Environment Canterbury uses land value rating or, as an alternative, introduces a hydro generation differential of \$x per \$100,000 of capital value as the basis for funding the Canterbury Water Management Strategy targeted rate.	Environment Canterbury thanks you for your offer to co-fund an increased level of channel works. Our ability to make this change is dependent on support from Otago Regional Council. Capital value rating: The current rating method used is deemed to be a better indication of the general ability to pay, as a fairer basis for funding the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.	That increased channel and associated works be carried out, subject to support from Otago Regional Council. That the comment on policy is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25. The Council looks forward to receiving the submission from the submitter in person.

Portfolio: Draft revenue and financing policy
Action: Support

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Mr Kelvin Coe, Selwyn District Council	The Selwyn District Council endorses your proposal to change the way rates for bus services in the Selwyn district are apportioned.	Selwyn District Council's endorsement for the proposed changes to rating of bus services in the Selwyn district is noted.	That the support of Selwyn District Council is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

Portfolio: Funding
Action: Conditional support

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D M Purser	Try and be private business-minded and work to keep costs under control.	The Council is very mindful of the costs it imposes on the community. Prioritisation of activities has meant that, in order to restrain the overall level of costs to be funded, some activities have been reduced or deferred. In addition, the Council's Performance, Audit and Risk Committee puts private business-like disciplines in place to manage cost budgets and reporting.	That the conditional support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Steve Hadler	It is good to increase the quality of the air, water and environment, but that comes at great cost to households, businesses and the community. Councils around the country have ideals that we cannot afford. Do what you can to help, but keep the costs to people to a minimum.	The Council has noted that you are concerned about the proposed level of rates increase. Non-priority savings of \$1.3 million have already been identified in the preparation of this Plan as the Council is conscious of the effect of increased rates on the general populace. The proposed level of rates increase is required to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community.	That the conditional support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Nick Laxton	I want you to do all that is listed, but only if you are 100% transparent in the costs of the work, the administration of it, the contractors chosen, and all details.	The Council is very mindful of the costs it imposes on the community. Prioritisation of activities has meant that, in order to restrain the overall level of costs to be funded, some activities have been reduced or deferred. In addition, the Council's Performance, Audit and Risk Committee puts private business-like disciplines in place to manage cost budgets and reporting along with embedded contract management disciplines.	That the conditional support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Margaret Miller	I have no problem with increased rates if there will be improved environment controls.	The Council is very mindful of the costs it imposes on the community. Prioritisation of activities has meant that, in order to restrain the overall level of costs to be funded, some activities have been reduced or deferred. The proposed level of activities are required to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community now and in the future.	That the conditional support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Graham Robinson	Cleaning up the air and water environments are good ideas. However, many people in Canterbury are still struggling to overcome the effects of the earthquakes and do not have the financial resources to pay increasing rates. The ECan budget should restrict the increase in rates as much as possible.	The Council has noted that you are concerned about the proposed level of rates increase. Non-priority savings of \$1.3 million have already been identified in the preparation of this Plan as the Council is conscious of the effect of increased rates on the general populace. The proposed level of rates increase which is required is to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the	That the conditional support and suggested alternative is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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		region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community.	
Margaret Davies	I agree rate increases will be needed, but the proposed is a bit extreme over a short timeframe.	The Council has noted that you support the rates increases where required. Your views on rates increases were considered. Non-priority savings of \$1.3 million have already been identified in the preparation of this Plan. The proposed level of rates increase in the early years of the Plan are required to enable important/urgent work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community.	That the conditional support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mr Lionel Hume, Federated Farmers Combined Canterbury Branch	Federated Farmers appreciates the modest nature of the increase in total operating expenditure budgeted for the 2015/16 year and asks that similar restraint apply for the following ten years.	The Council is very mindful of the costs it imposes on the community. Prioritisation of activities has meant that, in order to restrain the overall level of costs to be funded, some activities have been reduced or deferred. The Council notes your support for its endeavours in this area.	That the conditional support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

Portfolio: Funding
Action: Non-support – no alternative suggested

Full Name	Submission summary	Action officer evaluation	Recommendation
Derek Baxter	Stop rate rises for urban ratepayers subsidising rural ratepayers. Considering most of the ECan money being spent in the Hurunui will be related to water management, this is not equitable.	The Council has noted that you do not support the proposed rates increases. Your views on the issue of urban ratepayers subsidising rural ratepayers were considered. The capital value of individual rural ratepayers is generally greater than that of individual urban ratepayers, so any individual rural ratepayer is likely to pay more in rates than an urban rate payer. In addition, the benefits of water management accrue to both the rural and urban community.	That the non-support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Andrew McKay	No rates increase above inflation.	The Council has noted that you do not support the proposed level of rates increase. Your views on keeping rates increases at the level of inflation were considered. The proposed level of rates increase which is more than inflation is required to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure	That the non-support and suggested alternative is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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		plentiful and clean water for the community.	
H and H Hohepa	No rates increase for anything - too hard on just a pension.	The Council has noted that you do not support the proposed level of rates increase. Your views on not increasing rates at the level of inflation were considered. The proposed level of rates increase is required to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community.	That the non-support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Elaine Long	Rates are too high.	The Council has noted that you do not support the proposed level of rates increase. The proposed level of rates increase which is more than inflation is required to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community.	That the non-support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Carol Eggleston	The rates increase is 13.1% even though in the proposed changes it says no effect on debt level or levels of service.	The Council has noted that you do not support the proposed level of rates increase. The proposed rates increase will ensure extra debt does not need to be raised or levels of service compromised. The proposed level of rates increase which is more than inflation is required to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community.	That the non-support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mr Ross Manson	I oppose your rates. Audit the costs of the changes so that people are not destroyed financially.	The Council has noted that you do not support the proposed level of rates increase. Your views on rates increases were considered. Non-priority savings of \$1.3 million have already been identified in the preparation of this Plan. The proposed level of rates increase is required to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community.	That the non-support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Jon Birtles	If you were to increase the rates we will really struggle to cope. We have just gone down to one wage as we are starting a family and have not budgeted for this or expected it.	The Council has noted that you do not support the proposed level of rates increase. Your views on rates increases were considered. Non-priority savings of \$1.3 million have already been identified in the preparation of this Plan. The proposed level of rates increase is required to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community.	That the non-support and suggested alternative is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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Keith Palmer	Referring to the graphs detailing what your rates are spent on, one has to question the rather steep rise in rating by approximately 33% over ten years, particularly when inflation is very, very low. This needs to be revisited.	The Council has noted that you are concerned about the proposed level of rates increase. Non-priority savings of \$1.3 million have already been identified in the preparation of this Plan as the Council is conscious of the effect of increased rates on the general populace. The proposed level of rates increase is required to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community.	That the non-support and suggested alternative is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Ray Inwood	I object to any increase in ECan rates.	The Council has noted that you are concerned about the proposed level of rates increase. Non-priority savings of \$1.3 million have already been identified in the preparation of this Plan as the Council is conscious of the effect of increased rates on the general populace. The proposed level of rates increase is required to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community.	That the non-support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Steve McNeill	Total expenditure is \$150M+. Where is the detail of where this is used and what is produced for this amount of public money? There is an impression that the funding listed is merely based on the previous amount for the past year, plus inflation.	The Council has noted that you are concerned about the proposed level of Council expenditure. As outlined in the consultation document, further detail on the Council's programmes can be obtained under www.ecan.govt.nz/plans , in particular, the Proposed Council Priorities, Services, Expenditure by Portfolios document. Budgeting is undertaken on a bottom-up priority-based approach, with Non-priority savings of \$1.3 million already identified in the preparation of this Plan.	That the non-support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

Portfolio: Funding
Action: Non-support – suggested alternative

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Bruce Bellis	I strongly object to the increase in rates of 13.7% over three years. It is unacceptable that the Regional Council is gouging the pockets of ratepayers by increasing its rates by three times more than the rate of inflation. Reduce the rate increase to 1% per annum.	The Council has noted that you do not support the proposed level of rates increase. Your views on keeping rates increases at the level of inflation were considered. The proposed level of rates increase which is more than inflation is required to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community.	That the non-support and suggested alternative is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
M	The proposed rates increases are huge and beyond affordable for	The Council has noted that you do not support the proposed level of	That the non-support and

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Brennan	many. Your proposed increases do not seem to reflect general wage movement or inflation, and place an unnecessary burden on ratepayers. Reduce the proposed increase in rates. Live within your means.	rates increase. Your views on keeping rates increases at the level of inflation were considered. The proposed level of rates increase which is more than inflation is required to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community.	suggested alternative is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mr Bruce Smith	ECan rate increases will just add misery to our lives. If you must, then match the inflation rate - anything above this is cruel. Those people on a Gold Card should not have to fund all the increases going on.	The Council has noted that you do not support the proposed level of rates increase. Your views on keeping rates increases at the level of inflation were considered. The proposed level of rates increase which is more than inflation is required to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community.	That the non-support and suggested alternative is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Ken Gamblin	All of the proposals can be viewed as desirable for the future. But you cannot just keep imposing rate increases. Consider alternative means of raising funds, e.g. bond issues. Cut overheads. Reduce waste of expenditure.	The Council has noted that you do not support the proposed level of rates increase. Your views on rates increases were considered. Non-priority savings of \$1.3 million have already been identified in the preparation of this Plan and the issuing of bonds would have the effect of imposing greater costs to the ratepayer over the longer term. The proposed level of rates increase is required to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community.	That the non-support and suggested alternative is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Margery Giles	Your proposed average rates increases are not sustainable and are unrealistic. Keep rates increases in line with the cost of living.	The Council has noted that you are concerned about the proposed level of rates increase. Non-priority savings of \$1.3 million have already been identified in the preparation of this Plan as the Council is conscious of the effect of increased rates on the general populace. The proposed level of rates increase which is more than inflation is required to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community.	That the non-support and suggested alternative is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mr A G Talbot	I am concerned at the cumulative impact of the average ECan rate increases over the next three years, aggregating to nearly 14%. Christchurch City Council ratepayers are also facing a huge 26%. I oppose the level of rate increases for the next three years. The majority of rate reductions appear to apply to rural areas rather than the majority of ratepayers who live in urban areas. Why is this?	The Council has noted that you are concerned about the proposed level of rates increase. Non-priority savings of \$1.3 million have already been identified in the preparation of this Plan as the Council is conscious of the effect of increased rates on the general populace. The proposed level of rates increase which is more than inflation is required to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community. The decision by Council to end funding to OSPRI NZ of \$1 million for pest management control has resulted in a drop in pest rates across the rural	That the non-support and suggested alternative is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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Mike Gilbert	Affordability and consideration of ability to pay should be your first stop on all the courses you so eagerly embrace. Bill English trumpets a cost of living increase below 2%, ECan increases 4-5%. Those figures cannot be sustained.	The Council has noted that you are concerned about the proposed level of rates increase. Non-priority savings of \$1.3 million have already been identified in the preparation of this Plan as the Council is conscious of the effect of increased rates on the general populace. The proposed level of rates increase required is to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community.	That the non-support and suggested alternative is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
John Skipper	Rates increases in the next three years in excess of the rate of inflation. I would like Environment Canterbury's rates increase to not exceed CPI.	The Council has noted that you are concerned about the proposed level of rates increase. Non-priority savings of \$1.3 million have already been identified in the preparation of this Plan as the Council is conscious of the effect of increased rates on the general populace. The proposed level of rates increase required is to enable important work to be undertaken, particularly with respect to improving air quality over the region and implementing our water management strategy to help ensure plentiful and clean water for the community.	That the non-support and suggested alternative is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

Portfolio: Funding
Action: Policy, performance, general comment

Full Name	Submission summary	Action officer evaluation	Recommendation
Andrew McKay	ECan must explain why rural rates are going down and urban up.	The Council has noted your comments regarding the overall incidence of rating among rural and urban ratepayers. The statement that rural rates have decreased and urban rates increased is very broad and mistaken. For example, the two rating districts considered predominantly urban are Christchurch and Timaru, and in these cases the Christchurch rate has increased but the Timaru rate has in fact decreased. Similarly, the other rural rating districts demonstrate a mix of three rates increases and five rates decreases. The increase in Christchurch rates is largely related to the provision of passenger transport services and new initiatives related to air quality within the city airshed. The reduction in rural rates, where it has occurred, is contributed to by a reduction in pest management-related rates reflecting the cessation of funding the old Animal Health Board initiatives. Clearly these reductions impact more on rural ratepayers than urban.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
David	Transport/rebuild seems to take up 40% of the budget. It's not clear what this is buying me. Do less.	The Council has noted your comments regarding the level of expenditure associated with passenger transport and the greater	That the comment on policy is noted and that no change to the

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Wilkinson		Christchurch rebuild. Passenger transport has always represented a large proportion of our budget and the bulk of the expenditure associated with the transport and rebuild activity is represented by the value of contract payments made to bus operators to provide bus services to the changing demographics of our cities and region.	proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

Portfolio: Greater Christchurch rebuild
Action: Policy, performance, general comment

Full Name	Submission summary	Action officer evaluation	Recommendation
Mr Taz Mukorombindo, Canterbury Business Association	We can look at supporting Canterbury's rebuild workers with worker accommodation, smart ones which can then be used for the city as low-cost housing when it becomes available.	<p>In September 2012 it was recognised that there was a need to facilitate suitable accommodation being available to meet the needs of workers supporting the rebuild of greater Christchurch, and provide certainty for accommodation providers, councils and communities.</p> <p>New provisions were inserted into the Christchurch City Plan and the Banks Peninsula, Waimakariri and Selwyn District Plans by adding a new objective, new policies and new rules for workers' temporary accommodation. The new provisions applied to temporary use and temporary buildings for workers' accommodation and overrode other district plan provisions for this activity. Conditions on these developments ensured good quality facilities.</p> <p>At this stage, their future use for other purposes would need new consents.</p>	The comment is noted. No change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is required.
Angela Mole	Commit to repairing/replacing sewerage pipes in the city. Not much point cleaning up natural waterways until this infrastructure is restored.	<p>Christchurch City Council and SCIRT have a programme of works to repair and/or replace the wastewater network. As described in its Infrastructure Strategy, the Christchurch City Council does not know how much earthquake recovery work will be required when SCIRT ends in 2016, but it is expected that infrastructure renewals will need to significantly increase over the next 20 years to return the city's infrastructure to its former level of service.</p> <p>Through the implementation of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy and the Christchurch West Melton Zone Implementation Programme, there will be increasing pressure for the City Council to further improve surface water quality, by reducing wastewater overflows and improving storm water quality.</p>	The comment is noted and supported. No change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is required.
Benjamin Griffiths	Lyttelton Port Company should develop the inland port as a distribution centre for freight.	<p>The Lyttelton Port Company already has an inland port in Woolston providing an extensive container servicing facility, reducing port congestion and attracting cargo to a centralised location.</p> <p>It has also bought 27 hectares in Rolleston for the development of a second inland port to act as a hub for receiving, storing and consolidating containers, and as a distribution point where containers can be transferred between trucks and trains.</p>	The comment is noted. No change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is required.
Adrienne	Look into developing walking tracks on the new terracing at the	Decisions about the future use of residential red zone land will be decided by the Government following a consultation process led by the	This issue is not under the jurisdiction of Environment

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Chin	Quarry Road land which is red-zoned.	Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA). Environment Canterbury will contribute to the process, including supporting recreational facilities where appropriate, but the final decision does not rest with Environment Canterbury.	Canterbury. No change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is required.
Elaine Wadsworth	I am dismayed at the huge 'anchor projects' - they are a luxury the city can't afford. Please provide homes first. Quickly making homes and land available will reduce the cost of building and renting.	The Central Christchurch Recovery Plan was prepared by the Christchurch Central Development Unit (CCDU) and Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA). The Crown and Christchurch City Council have a cost-sharing arrangement for delivering the anchor projects. This issue is not under the jurisdiction of Environment Canterbury.	This issue is not under the jurisdiction of Environment Canterbury. No change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is required.
Philippa Tyrrell	The Lyttelton Port Recovery Plan needs to be supported in accordance with the wishes of the community, including keeping the Diamond Harbour ferry in its current location and getting heavy traffic off local roads.	The issues raised are subject to submissions and consideration by an independent hearing panel. The hearing panel will make recommendations to Environment Canterbury, which will then endorse the recommendations or make any changes on the draft Lyttelton Port Recovery Plan before presenting it to the Minister by mid-August. The Minister intends to publicly notify the draft Plan, invite written comments from the public, and then make a decision whether to approve it or not.	The issues raised are being considered through a Recovery Plan process under the Canterbury Earthquake Act 2011. No change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is required.
Allen Cookson	Assess ecological factors, such as availability of water, prospects of harm from sea level rise, avoidance of flood or liquefaction-prone areas and avoidance of versatile/fertile soils for urban development. Use ecological economics principles to plan for a population that delivers a regional ecological footprint well below biocapacity.	Environment Canterbury undertakes its planning by considering many factors, including the risk of hazards such as flooding, liquefaction and further seismic events, the effects of climate change and sea level rise, and the carrying capacity of our ecosystems. The impact of development and farming practices on waterways is a particular focus of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy and the work of the zone committees.	Comments are noted and no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is required.

Portfolio: Greater Christchurch rebuild
Action: Support

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Lesley Shand	I support the proposals on demolition waste and the region's economic recovery by planning.	Environment Canterbury works with the operators of landfills and cleanfills to ensure demolition waste contains no hazardous materials and is disposed of safely. Waste containing asbestos is transported, in enclosed containers, to the regional landfill at Kate Valley and disposed of there under strict guidelines.	Comments and support are noted. No change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is required.

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		<p>Environment Canterbury liaises with the territorial authorities to plan for growth with the associated infrastructure.</p>	
<p>Mr Peter Townsend, Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>We look forward to the delivery of the Lyttelton Port Recovery Plan. We are very aware of the interdependencies between the rebuild of Christchurch and the health and welfare of our city with the accelerated economic development of our region. Efficient transport infrastructure will be a key component.</p>	<p>The final Lyttelton Port Recovery Plan is still a few months away and a public hearing will be held from 2 June 2015. The hearing panel will make recommendations to Environment Canterbury, which will then endorse the recommendations or make any changes on the draft Lyttelton Port Recovery Plan before presenting it to the Minister by mid-August. The Minister intends to publicly notify the draft Plan, invite written comments from the public, and then make a decision whether to approve it or not.</p> <p>Regarding transport, the Recovery Plan needs to address a wide range of matters, including ensuring the safe, efficient and effective operation of Lyttelton Port and supporting transport networks, and the implications for transport, supporting infrastructure and connectivity to the Lyttelton town centre.</p> <p>Decisions about the potential re-opening of Sumner/Evans Pass are excluded from the scope of the Recovery Plan.</p>	<p>The comments are noted and no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is required.</p>

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Portfolio: Invalid
Action: Policy, performance, general comment

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Jacob Matheson	Allocate a small portion of funding towards a support service aimed at young mothers who may feel pressured into aborting their unwanted infants due to lack of alternatives.	Having received and considered your submission as part of our Long Term Plan process, we note that your concerns are not related to Environment Canterbury's responsibilities.	That the submitter's comments are noted and that no changes are recommended to the Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mr David Milne	Lake Lyndon: I am concerned at the lack of toilet facilities for this area. If you miss the Springfield facilities there is nothing until Arthurs Pass. I should like Environment Canterbury to put some pressure on Selwyn District Council to install some form of toilet facility and patrol it at the roadside end of the state highway at the lake.	Having received and considered your submission as part of our Long Term Plan process we note that your concerns are not related to Environment Canterbury. Your submission falls under the responsibility of the Selwyn District Council, who has advised that funding has been allocated for the construction of a unisex toilet facility at Lake Lyndon during the financial year 2015/2016. If you wish to discuss this issue further, please contact the Selwyn District Council directly on (03) 347-2800. The officer in charge of this particular issue is Mr Graeme Wilson.	That the submitter's comments are noted and that no changes are recommended to the Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Julie Christensen	Forget about changing our traditional flag.	Having received and considered your submission as part of our Long Term Plan process we note that your concerns are not related to Environment Canterbury.	That the submitter's comments are noted and that no changes are recommended to the Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mrs Skilling	Submitter lists various earthquake rebuild and financial issues, all of which are covered by the Christchurch City Council.	Having received and considered your submission as part of our Long Term Plan process, we note that your concerns are outside of Environment Canterbury's responsibilities. We suggest that you raise the issues in your submission with the Christchurch City Council.	That the submitter's comments are noted and that no changes are recommended to the Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Jessica Cook	There is so much sunlight for most of the year that I am amazed there are not more solar panels on roofs. Subsidise the installation of solar panels to reduce the use of less ecological power sources.	Your comments about the use of solar panels to reduce impacts on the environment are noted. In 2010 the Council decided to exit its role in energy efficiency given that other government agencies were, and still are, better equipped to make a difference. This decision assists the Council to better focus on priority areas such as the Canterbury Water Management Strategy and its implementation.	That the request for Council to be involved in this activity is noted and that no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
John Chandler	Submitter requests pedestrian crossing mark-up at Barrington Mall/Barrington Street.	Having received and considered your submission as part of our Long Term Plan process, we note that your concerns are not related to Environment Canterbury.	That the submitter's comments are noted and that no changes are recommended to the Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Benjamin Griffiths	Put the railway station back where it used to be.	Having received and considered your submission as part of our Long Term Plan process, we note that your concerns are not related to Environment Canterbury.	That the submitter's comments are noted and that no changes are recommended to the Long

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Deborah Minchington	The Avon River needed only green grass replacement and not more concrete and excessive grass planting at its edge.	The work in the central city, including the Avon River/Ōtākaro, is not under Environment Canterbury's jurisdiction. It is being managed by the Christchurch Central Development Unit (CCDU) as part of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA).	Issue is not under Environment Canterbury's jurisdiction. No change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 required.
Thelma Tima Tane	- Utilities and other essentials during an emergency. - New stadium. - Upgrading of library and pool facilities.	Having received and considered your submission as part of our Long Term Plan process, we note that your concerns are not related to Environment Canterbury. We recommend that you raise these issues with the Timaru and Waimate District Councils.	That the submitter's comments are noted and that no changes are recommended to the Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Alison Arnesen	I would like to see the roadside area along both sides of the sewerage ponds' road tidied and planted. Tidy the fence line or remove the fence completely. Line with plantings of perhaps toi toi and flax.	Having received and considered your submission as part of our Long Term Plan process, we note that your concerns are not related to Environment Canterbury. We would suggest you raise this issue with the Christchurch City Council.	That the submitter's comments are noted and that no changes are recommended to the Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Lewis Surgenor	Every year you guys turn off my hot water.	Having received and considered your submission as part of our Long Term Plan process, we note that your concerns are not related to Environment Canterbury.	That the submitter's comments are noted and that no changes are recommended to the Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Glenis Youngman	I would like to see New Brighton revitalised.	Having received and considered your submission as part of our Long Term Plan process, we note that your concerns are not related to Environment Canterbury.	That the submitter's comments are noted and that no changes are recommended to the Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Sylvia Wilkinson	Bicycles on footpaths - not using cycle lanes.	Having received and considered your submission as part of our Long Term Plan process, we note that your concerns are not related to Environment Canterbury.	That the submitter's comments are noted and that no changes are recommended to the Long Term Plan 2015-25.
	Your rating system is unfair.	No submitter contact details have been provided in order for Environment Canterbury to respond.	No change required to the Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Peria Hunt	Make sure buildings are safe in an earthquake. Lower electricity bills in winter for those on lower incomes.	Having received and considered your submission as part of our Long Term Plan process, we note that your concerns are not related to Environment Canterbury.	That the submitter's comments are noted and that no changes are recommended to the Long Term Plan 2015-25.

Portfolio: Keeping us safe
Action: Conditional support

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Warren Suckling	Has there been any study on the feasibility of moderating the extremes of river flow by damming the tributaries and thus maintaining river flow in times of drought, mitigating the damaging effect of high river flows? Confirm if this has been seriously considered and, if not, why not?	The Council notes your questions. In short, the Council is not willing to investigate this idea. As it stands, the Council is working incredibly hard to deliver the core services expected by the community in an affordable manner. The 'damming' idea would come at a significant financial cost.	That the idea is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
John Sheppard	Existing pest management is still necessary to control any risk of further spread.	Landowners, in the main, are willing to fund possum control. The only issue is how these funds are collected. OSPRI had previously advised that the 2014/15 year would be the last year in which they would require assistance from regional councils to collect funding. However, the alternative OSPRI funding mechanism has not yet been established, and unless Environment Canterbury continues collection of funds, this work would cease. Prior to any funding decision being made, we need to understand how soon OSPRI will be able to collect its own funding. We are required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. This is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests. The proposed Long Term Plan does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.	That the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 be revised to reinstate funding for OSPRI for one further year.
John Sheppard	Introduce restrictions on land use/development in areas liable to tsunami floods and rising sea levels.	The Canterbury Regional Policy Statement does already attempt to prevent development in high hazard areas. Environment Canterbury commissions research to identify areas subject to tsunami risk, carries out sea level monitoring, and produces coastal hazard line maps identifying areas with future sea level rise impact. Within the powers we have available we are already doing all we can to restrict new development in areas with a high risk from tsunami and sea level rise. This is a New Zealand-wide problem, and any additional direction or powers will need to come from central government.	That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mr A G Talbot	While the strategy, as outlined in the Regional Pest Management Plan, seems sensible, I oppose current resources being significantly reduced. Pest management costs should be targeted.	Thank you for your support for continued pest management. Landowners, in the main, are willing to fund possum control. The only issue is how these funds are collected. OSPRI had previously advised that the 2014/15 year would be the last year in which it would require assistance from regional councils to collect funding. However, the alternative OSPRI funding mechanism has not yet been established, and	That the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 be revised to reinstate funding for OSPRI for one further year.

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		<p>unless Environment Canterbury continues collection of funds, this work would cease. Prior to any funding decision being made, we need to understand how soon OSPRI will be able to collect its own funding. Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. This is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests. The proposed Long Term Plan does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.</p>	
<p>Murray Cox, Lake Tekapo Recreational Park Inc</p>	<p>My submission is in relation to regional parks, in particular the Lake Tekapo Regional Park. I support ECan continuing to provide funds for the Lake Tekapo Park and any other parks within the region.</p> <p>The society has a Memorandum of Understanding with ECan. I would like to thank the ECan staff who deal with the society, as they have shown leadership and encouraged the society to develop the Park in a collaborative partnership.</p> <p>In the last seven years the society has raised over \$280,000 of grants and donations, plus secured free services and goods from suppliers to enable it to meet its aims. It has also invested over 4,000 hours of voluntary work in the Park.</p> <p>The society now has a substantial amount of machinery and equipment to be able to maintain the Park, has sheds to store equipment and has built a nursery to grow plants for landscaping.</p> <p>The submitter requests that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - financial support from ECan is not eroded - costs of pest control for the Park are funded from the pest control programme - targeted rating area for the Park be widened and rate increased - the Park be able to access the ECan biodiversity fund. <p>There is a unique opportunity to make the Park into a working</p>	<p>Thank you for your support. Our Chief Executive recently signed a renewal of our Memorandum of Understanding with the Lake Tekapo Recreational Park Society and we remain committed to the relationship.</p>	<p>That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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	<p>example of recreational activities and conservation initiatives. The society has had an ecological report carried out which suggests that some native restoration and plantings should be considered.</p>		
<p>James Stewart, Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand</p>	<p>Federated Mountain Clubs is the national body of tramping and climbing clubs. We represent 18,000 members nationwide and have a long history in advocating for the protection and conservation of natural landscape.</p> <p>The submitter requests Environment Canterbury to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - maintain support for wilding tree days as per the existing programme - ensure that the philosophy of any new regional pest management plan recognises the need to address long-established widespread pests where they pose an increasing threat - support, as much as it is able, the work undertaken by the Ministry for Primary Industries as represented on this website: www.wildingconifers.org.nz. 	<p>We appreciate your support for the Wilding Pine removal programme. The operational aspects of Wilding Pine removal will be reviewed as part of a new Regional Pest Management Plan. Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. This is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests. The proposed Long Term Plan does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine what the direction of the new plan should be before it is finalised.</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Mr Lionel Hume, Federated Farmers Combined Canterbury Branch</p>	<p>That Environment Canterbury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continues to fully support OSPRI - continues its region-wide focus on existing, ongoing animal and plant pest control issues - continues its support and funding for the possum control programme on Banks Peninsula - adopts a policy for eradication of Chilean needle grass and provides appropriate funding - emphasises the need for ongoing mechanisms to collect hazardous waste that are easy to access and cost-effective to use. 	<p>Pests: Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details. The proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 identifies the need for the review but does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.</p> <p>OSPRI: Landowners, in the main, are willing to fund possum control. The only issue is how these funds are collected. OSPRI had previously advised that the 2014/15 year would be the last year in which it would require assistance from regional councils to collect funding. However, the alternative OSPRI funding mechanism has not yet been established, and unless Environment Canterbury continues collection of funds, this work would cease. Prior to any funding decision being made, we need to understand how soon OSPRI will be able to collect its own funding, and that it is committed to achieving that timeframe and has a set of milestones in place to show progress to this commitment.</p>	<p>That the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 be revised to reinstate funding for OSPRI for one further year.</p>

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		Environment Canterbury would welcome further discussion with OSPRI on this matter.	
Mr Peter Townsend, Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce	We appreciate the intent to develop and introduce pest management plans that will focus on prevention, early intervention and targeted control. We are, however, aware that long-established pests (rabbits, possums and deer) can expand without adequate controls in place.	We appreciate your support for our pest management plans. Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details. The proposed Long Term Plan identifies the need for the review but does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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Kaye Ellis	You have listed my property (Lot 1 DP 345766) on the HAIL register when clearly you have no idea if the land has been contaminated; it has not been investigated, as your letter to the landowner stated. This is not acceptable as it has the very real potential to devalue our property. I bought this property two and a half years ago. I got a LIM report and there was no mention of potential contaminated land the Council has allowed these properties to be built on. It is grossly unfair to expect the owner to pay for this testing.	Environment Canterbury has an active programme in place to identify land that has been used for hazardous activities or industries that have the potential to cause land contamination. This is one of the regional council's functions under the Resource Management Act, and we have been doing this work across the region for the past six years. In most cases, being identified as a potentially contaminated site will not require any further work or testing on the part of the landowner, but it is important that we notify landowners of the potential risk so that they can take appropriate precautions. When certain activities are proposed on the land, such as major earthworks or land use change, there may be a requirement to obtain resource consent from either the regional or local council. The proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 allows for the programme of identifying these sites to continue across the rest of the region.	That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mr Ross Manson	I oppose your changes in pest control. Without comprehensive pest control you will always be pushing down on one pest and letting another explode.	Landowners, in the main, are willing to fund possum control. The only issue is how these funds are collected. OSPRI had previously advised that the 2014/15 year would be the last year in which it would require assistance from regional councils to collect funding. However, the alternative OSPRI funding mechanism has not yet been established, and unless Environment Canterbury continues collection of funds, this work would cease. Prior to any funding decision being made, we need to understand how soon OSPRI will be able to collect its own funding.	That the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 be revised to reinstate funding for OSPRI for one further year.

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<p>Roy Bensemam, TBfree New Zealand Tasman</p>	<p>The Tasman TBfree committee, as farmers who trade and work with landowners throughout Canterbury, urge the Council to reconsider its decision to cease funding towards the TB national pest management plan.</p>	<p>Landowners, in the main, are willing to fund possum control. This possum control work for tuberculosis reduction needs to be done. The only issue is how these funds are collected. OSPRI had previously advised that the 2014/15 year would be the last year in which it would require assistance from regional councils to collect funding. However, the alternative OSPRI funding mechanism has not yet been established, and unless Environment Canterbury continues collection of funds, this work would cease. Prior to any funding decision being made, we need to understand how soon OSPRI will be able to collect its own funding.</p>	<p>That the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 be revised to reinstate funding for OSPRI for one further year.</p>
<p>Mr Malcolm Gilbert, TBfree New Zealand Canterbury</p>	<p>We submit Council should reconsider its position on collection of the regional contribution towards the TB plan for 2015/16 and ensure a complete programme is able to be undertaken in the region.</p>	<p>Landowners, in the main, are willing to fund possum control. This possum control work for tuberculosis reduction needs to be done. The only issue is how these funds are collected. OSPRI had previously advised that the 2014/15 year would be the last year in which it would require assistance from regional councils to collect funding. However, the alternative OSPRI funding mechanism has not yet been established, and unless Environment Canterbury continues collection of funds, this work would cease. Prior to any funding decision being made, we need to understand how soon OSPRI will be able to collect its own funding.</p>	<p>That the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 be revised to reinstate funding for OSPRI for one further year.</p>
<p>Alister Bell</p>	<p>As a landowner on Waitaki River, I don't think there should be any reduction in the work programme.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury is reviewing a request from the Lower Waitaki River Liaison Committee to increase funding by \$80,000 for maintenance in Lower Waitaki. For this to happen, the Otago Regional Council (ORC) will need to agree to a change from the figure it has in its draft Long Term Plan. Not straightforward given that ORC was the prime mover for substantial reduction in expenditure. It will be hard to move on this unless ORC does, otherwise our ratepayers would need to cover the ORC default. It also requires agreement from Meridian on its funding.</p>	<p>This needs to be considered along with Long Term Plan submission 15-25-333 from the Lower Waitaki River Liaison Committee, with the recommendation that this not be approved unless Otago Regional Council also increases its funding.</p>

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Peter Reid, Kurow Pest Liaison Committee	<p>We are requesting the Council reconsider its draft decision to exclude TB funding. We are seeking funding of \$925,000 toward an overall programme in the region (subject to confirmation) of \$7.1 million.</p> <p>The case for landowner funding of the TB Plan has never been stronger. The only way landowner funding share can be currently collected is through the Council. Funding of the TB Plan guarantees a very significant co-investment by other funders. A new collection agency approach cannot apply until 1 July 2016, alongside implementation of a new TB Plan.</p>	<p>This possum control work for tuberculosis reduction needs to be done. Landowners are willing to fund it. The only issue is how these funds are collected. OSPRI had previously advised that the 2014/15 year would be the last year in which it would require assistance from regional councils to collect funding. However, the alternative OSPRI funding mechanism has not yet been established, and unless Environment Canterbury continues collection of funds, this work would cease. The region's collective chairs of the pest management liaison committees are all in agreement that this work needs to continue. If Environment Canterbury agreed to extend funding for one further year, the total funds would be \$924,921. The funding would be 90% targeted rate and 10% general rate. Prior to any funding decision being made, we need to understand how soon OSPRI will be able to collect its own funding.</p>	<p>That the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 be revised to reinstate funding for OSPRI for one further year.</p>
Keith Moorfield	<p>ECan must set the flooding issues of Christchurch as a priority. This is a greater concern than air quality. The Heathcote River must be dredged and the banks, which have slipped into the river, dug out. Development has been allowed to happen upstream - the storm waters of these areas - while holding areas eventually are let go into the river, this with the rivers now having less capacity has added to the flooding of properties downstream. This is not managing potential flooding.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury has no authority for managing flooding in the Avon and Heathcote Rivers. The Christchurch District Drainage Act 1951 gives full responsibility for this to the Christchurch City Council, who is already giving priority to this matter.</p>	<p>This matter does not relate to the role and responsibilities of Environment Canterbury and no change is recommended to the Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
Rhonda Fearnley	<p>The Heathcote River has eels and other fish at the Hillmorton end. The pollution should be better managed and polluters prosecuted.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on enhancement and protection of biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats. Environment Canterbury takes pollution of waterways, including the Heathcote River, very seriously. Whenever we can obtain enough evidence to enable a successful prosecution, we do prosecute.</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
Kaylene Donaldson	<p>Ashburton River: The riverbed from Hakatere (river mouth) west towards Ashburton has had new Willow sticks planted, but they have been completely overgrown at our end with Blackberry and Old Man's Beard. Please can this be cleared again?</p>	<p>The Ashburton River's rating district is set up and collects rates to manage the Ashburton River and the adjacent vegetation. The scheme covers about 300kms of river berms and has an annual maintenance budget of about \$640,000. There is an ongoing programme of weed control, including for Old Man's Beard, however, the budget provision is limited and weed control has to be prioritised. Newly cleared and replanted sites get the highest priority until the young trees are well</p>	<p>That the operational suggestion is noted and communicated to the appropriate Council officer for action.</p>

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		<p>established. The weed control budget is discussed annually with the River Liaison Committee as part of the overall Ashburton River budget. Please contact Kevin Foster at the Ashburton depot if you have concerns about a particular site and he can see how it fits in with the priorities for the river as a whole, or to find out who your local liaison committee representative is.</p>	
<p>D M Purser</p>	<p>It is a big mistake to ease up on the control of rabbits and opossums. Their population will explode and cause major problems.</p> <p>Continue to support the control of major pests at least at the present rate.</p>	<p>Landowners, in the main, are willing to fund possum control. The only issue is how these funds are collected. OSPRI had previously advised that the 2014/15 year would be the last year in which they would require assistance from regional councils to collect funding. However, the alternative OSPRI funding mechanism has not yet been established, and unless Environment Canterbury continues collection of funds, this work would cease. Prior to any funding decision being made, we need to understand how soon OSPRI will be able to collect its own funding.</p> <p>We are required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. This is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests. The proposed Long Term Plan does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.</p>	<p>That the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 be revised to reinstate funding for OSPRI for one further year.</p>
<p>Claire Coveney</p>	<p>Reduce CO2 emissions - less buses, cars and trucks. Make factories accountable for any pollution. Use rail. Davis Gelatine - foul smells - something needs to be done.</p>	<p>The Council appreciates your comments on our proposal for Clean Air as outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future.</p>	<p>That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
<p>Robin Loader</p>	<p>Establish river flow registers down the full length of a river. Explain how river flows are presently measured. Explain where river flow meters are currently situated. Establish at least four water registers along each river. Make sure all new costs of registers are covered by those who extract water for commercial use.</p>	<p>River flows are already well measured. Further equipment is not required and the costs are not justified.</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Paul de Latour, Banks Peninsula Pest Management Liaison</p>	<p>The Banks Peninsula Pest Management Liaison Committee strongly urges the commissioners to reconsider the funding to OSPRI for vector control.</p>	<p>Landowners, in the main, are willing to fund possum control. The only issue is how these funds are collected. OSPRI had previously advised that the 2014/15 year would be the last year in which it would require assistance from regional councils to collect funding. However, the alternative OSPRI funding mechanism has not yet been established, and unless Environment Canterbury continues collection of funds, this work would cease. Prior to any funding decision being made, we need to</p>	<p>That the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 be revised to reinstate funding for OSPRI for one further year.</p>

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Committee		understand how soon OSPRI will be able to collect its own funding.	
Rachel Hurford, Forest and Bird, North Canterbury Branch	We support the aims outlined in the summary at the beginning of this section. We are concerned at the new Regional Pest Management Plan. While the strategy, as outlined here, seems sensible on the face of it, we oppose current resources going into existing pest management being significantly reduced.	We appreciate the support you have given. Landowners, in the main, are willing to fund possum control. The only issue is how these funds are collected. OSPRI had previously advised that the 2014/15 year would be the last year in which it would require assistance from regional councils to collect funding. However, the alternative OSPRI funding mechanism has not yet been established, and unless Environment Canterbury continues collection of funds, this work would cease. Prior to any funding decision being made, we need to understand how soon OSPRI will be able to collect its own funding. Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details. The proposed Long Term Plan identifies the need for the review, but does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.	That the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 be revised to reinstate funding for OSPRI for one further year.
Lesley Shand	I am most concerned if ECan reduces biodiversity officers. The submitter supports the new focus as proposed, but not at the expense of less emphasis on existing and established pests.	Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details. The proposed Long Term Plan identifies the need for the review, but does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mark Yaxley, New Zealand Transport Agency	Lower Waitaki River Control Scheme: The Transport Agency has some concerns regarding the implications of reduced funding for the Lower Waitaki River on the Transport Agency's assets - principally the SH1 bridge. The Transport Agency is concerned that a reduction in spending upstream of the SH1 bridge will result in an increase in spending required at the SH1 bridge by the Agency.	Environment Canterbury is reviewing a request from the Lower Waitaki River Liaison Committee to increase funding by \$80,000 for maintenance in Lower Waitaki. For this to happen, the Otago Regional Council (ORC) will need to agree to a change from the figure it has in its draft Long Term Plan. This is not straightforward given that it was the prime mover for substantial reduction in expenditure. It will be hard to move on this unless ORC does, otherwise our ratepayers would need to cover the ORC default. It also requires agreement from Meridian on its funding.	This needs to be considered along with Long Term Plan submission 15-25-333 from the Lower Waitaki River Liaison Committee, with the recommendation that this not be approved unless Otago Regional Council also increases its funding.
Stu	We are requesting the Council reconsider its draft decision to exclude TB funding. We are seeking funding of \$925,000 toward an overall programme in the region (subject to confirmation) of \$7.1	Landowners, in the main, are willing to fund possum control. The only issue is how these funds are collected. OSPRI had previously advised that the 2014/15 year would be the last year in which it would require	That the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 be revised to reinstate funding for OSPRI for

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Hutchings, OSPRI New Zealand	million. The case for landowner funding of the TB Plan has never been stronger. The only way landowner funding share can be currently collected is through the Council. Funding of the TB Plan guarantees a very significant co-investment by other funders. A new collection agency approach cannot apply until 1 July 2016, alongside implementation of a new TB Plan.	assistance from regional councils to collect funding. However, the alternative OSPRI funding mechanism has not yet been established, and unless Environment Canterbury continues collection of funds, this work would cease. Prior to any Council funding decision being made, we need to understand how soon OSPRI will be able to collect its own funding, and that it is committed to achieving that timeframe and has a set of milestones in place to show progress to this commitment. Environment Canterbury would welcome further discussion with OSPRI on this matter.	one further year.
Mr James Ryan, Dairy NZ	Dairy NZ does not support Environment Canterbury's proposal to cut funding for vector/possum control activities undertaken by OSPRI and TBfree in support of the national bovine TB pest management plan.	Landowners, in the main, are willing to fund possum control. The only issue is how these funds are collected. OSPRI had previously advised that the 2014/15 year would be the last year in which it would require assistance from regional councils to collect funding. However, the alternative OSPRI funding mechanism has not yet been established, and unless Environment Canterbury continues collection of funds, this work would cease. Prior to any funding decision being made, we need to understand how soon OSPRI will be able to collect its own funding, and that it is committed to achieving that timeframe and has a set of milestones in place to show progress to this commitment. Environment Canterbury would welcome further discussion with OSPRI on this matter.	That the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 be revised to reinstate funding for OSPRI for one further year.

Portfolio: Keeping us safe
Action: Policy, performance, general comment

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Ms Noelene Sanderson	Tsunami warning system along eastern Canterbury coast.	The installation of tsunami warning systems is the responsibility of each district council. Most district councils with urban areas beside the coast either have a tsunami warning system in place or are considering its installation. Environment Canterbury supports this through the Canterbury Group Civil Defence Emergency Management, who advise on equipment standards and effectiveness.	This matter does not relate to the role and responsibilities of the Regional Council but is being considered or undertaken by each district council adjacent to the coast. No change is required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Nicky Weatherley	As a keen horse rider we need areas where we can safely ride our horses. A horse park would be great, similar to McLeans Island; however, with tracks to ride around.	We agree with this view and do recognise that there has not been enough development of the Waimakariri River Regional Park in the Selwyn District. We would like see development of horse trails, picnicking, improved access and biodiversity, and the Environment	That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan

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		Canterbury proposed Long Term Plan includes some funding for these.	2015-25.
Graham Thompson	<p>Shingle extraction:</p> <p>(a) Close all 'pit' operations and cancel existing permits. Result - reduced risk of harm to water supplies.</p> <p>(b) Legislate to make the source of gravel only from river beds. Result - mitigation of rising bed levels and considerable lessening of flood risk and economies in the construction and maintenance of flood control works.</p>	<p>Managed correctly, gravel extraction is a very useful tool for Environment Canterbury in reducing the risk of floodwater breaking out of rivers. Environment Canterbury manages a long-term programme monitoring the movement of gravel throughout the region's rivers and uses this information to decide when to approve or decline resource consent applications to extract gravel.</p> <p>In the Waimakariri River for example, the long-term supply rate of gravel is estimated at 250,000m³ per year, while the rate of extraction is in the order of 600,000m³ per year. Therefore, extractors are currently removing 'stored' gravel until defined minimum bed levels are hit. Currently, a volume of approximately 4 million m³ is stored above minimum bed levels and this is all fully allocated to existing consent holders.</p> <p>Gravel is a fundamental material for construction. Approximately 2.9 million m³ of gravel was used in Christchurch city last year. Put simply, Canterbury's rivers on their own will not supply enough gravel in a sustainable manner to meet the region's needs.</p> <p>The cost of gravel delivered to a building site is largely dependent on the distance it is carried. While Environment Canterbury encourages gravel to be extracted from rivers, it is realistic enough to know that once the available gravel from the Waimakariri River close to Christchurch is extracted, freighting gravel into Christchurch from more distant rivers would be much more expensive than supply from 'pit' operations. Even if we wanted to try to stop pit operations, interfering with the supply and cost of gravel would have significant implications for Christchurch. Our present approach is to encourage and appropriately manage river extraction, protect water supplies and establish a code of conduct for controlling gravel extraction methods.</p> <p>The proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 does not provide funding for gravel extraction.</p>	That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
	Get rid of 1080 and any dangerous pesticides, or go back to traps and shooting.	Issues around whether 1080 is safe to use is the responsibility of the Environmental Protection Authority, not regional councils.	That the comments on policy are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Kaylene	Coastal erosion, specifically at Hakatere: Investigate some options	Coastal erosion is ongoing and will increase with climate change and sea level rise. This is true for the entire Canterbury coastline, but is	That the request for Council to be involved in this activity is

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Donaldson	to help stabilise the coastline before we lose more land.	particularly so for the Canterbury coast south of Banks Peninsula that is exposed to southerly storms. This is normally well-understood as a risk of development close to the coast, a risk carried by the property owner not the community. The Canterbury Regional Policy Statement attempts to stop any future development in high hazard areas. Existing development can normally remain until buildings are no longer safe to continue occupancy. At Hakatere, the Ashburton District Council has issued notices under section 124 of the Building Act requiring the six huts closest to the coast to be removed since they are no longer safe. Neither Ashburton District Council nor Environment Canterbury has any expectation that the coastline at Hakatere can be stabilised or defended. There is no economic solution. The remaining huts at Hakatere will eventually be lost.	noted and that no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mr Craig Mason	This summer the Anti-Crow hut in Arthurs Pass National Park was so infested with rats and mice it was unusable. There should be no let-up in the control of animal pests if our natural habitats and our birdlife are to be protected and our high country tracks and facilities are to be kept usable and enjoyable.	Pest control in regional parks is the responsibility of the Department of Conservation; however, Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. This is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests. The proposed Long Term Plan does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.	That the issue of controlling rats and mice in national parks is noted, with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mr Craig Mason	The Waimakariri basin is a plant/pest disaster area. The current effort going into Wildling Pine control is tokenism at best. I would like to see Environment Canterbury concentrate its plans on each of the high country catchments and be much more active in requiring property owners to control weeds.	Pest control in regional parks is the responsibility of the Department of Conservation; however, Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. This is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests. The proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.	That the issue of controlling Wilding Pines and weeds is noted, with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Tony Moody	The Ashley River needs a lot more shingle removed from it - the bed is too high.	Environment Canterbury has set 'minimum bed levels' on key rivers such as the Waimakariri and Ashley which are applied as limits to extraction depth on resource consents. These can be thought of as an environmental bottom line. In the Ashley River, the bed level is at, or below, these limits for 11kms of the 21km reach below the Okuku River confluence and, therefore, gravel extraction has ceased in these areas. The long-term supply rate of gravel to the Ashley downstream of the Okuku is estimated at 1,000m ³ per year, while the rate of extraction is in the order of 60,000m ³ per year. Therefore, extractors are currently	That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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		<p>removing 'stored' gravel until the minimum bed levels are hit. Currently, a volume of approximately 400,000m³ is stored above minimum bed levels and this quantity is fully allocated to existing consent holders.</p> <p>Managed correctly, gravel extraction is a very useful tool for Environment Canterbury in reducing the risk of floodwater breaking out of rivers. Environment Canterbury manages a long-term programme monitoring the movement of gravel throughout the region's rivers, and uses this information to decide when to approve or decline resource consent applications to extract gravel.</p> <p>The proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 does not provide funding for gravel extraction.</p>	
Benjamin Griffiths	Clean air: Take trucks off the road carrying containers and onto rail.	Any previous attempts by central government to shift freight onto rail involved long distance travel, which had other objectives but no intended impact on urban air quality. Even if there would be an impact, Environment Canterbury does not have any powers to restrict road use by trucks.	That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Paul Allison	Approach the Hurunui District Council for a more modern green (non-compostable) waste disposal system.	<p>As a regional council we can work with Hurunui District Council to ensure there are continual improvements around waste and recycling services.</p> <p>We will pass the submission comments on to Hurunui District Council and a submission can also be made to their LTP. (Submissions closing 30 April 2015.)</p>	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Neville Sinclair	In the long term it will probably be impossible to sufficiently enlarge river stopbanks. Maybe there are innovative ways to flush a higher percentage of sand and shingle out to sea. With climate change, material to create dunes is derived from rivers.	Thank you for your submission on a wide range of matters. Environment Canterbury commissions research to identify areas subject to tsunami risk, carries out sea level monitoring, and produces coastal hazard line maps identifying areas with future sea level rise impact. Maintaining existing stopbanks continues to be a high priority for Environment Canterbury, and small increases in expenditure for stopbank maintenance are budgeted for, not only during the term of the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25, but also during the full term of the Thirty-Year Infrastructure Strategy.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Evelyne Neville	Keep our river mouths dredged.	River mouths are part of dynamic natural systems with a wide variety of river, wind, tide and sea swell conditions that affect sediment movement and whether they are open or not. Depending on the situation, mouth openings are often costly and can have very limited permanence. All these factors must be taken into account when considering whether or not river mouth openings are necessary. Intervention at river mouths	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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		(lowering of the beach crest or full openings) is usually only undertaken where a flood is anticipated or in process, and where the potential reduction in flood risk justifies the expense of the intervention.	
Peter and Belinda Nicholson	Spray noxious weeds from riverbeds, e.g. gorse/broom.	Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. This is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests. The proposed Long Term Plan does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.	That the issue of controlling pests is noted, with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Jim Kroening	Pest control: If wallabies are included, assist groups like NZDA to help. We already assist some farmers.	Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. This is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests. The proposed Long Term Plan does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.	That the issue of controlling pests is noted, with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Kay Norman	There are lots of parks and places where cyclists and walkers can go, but none at all for horses in the Selwyn district. Create a horse park such as Baynons Brake or Bottle Lake in Selwyn. These are incredible facilities, but take a long time to get to from this region.	We agree with this view and do recognise that there has not been enough development of the Waimakariri River Regional Park in the Selwyn District. We would like see development of horse trails, picnicking, improved access and biodiversity, and the Environment Canterbury proposed Long Term Plan includes some funding for these.	That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Andy Ashton	There are not enough facilities for horse lovers. Please, can we have some areas to exercise without fear of motorbikes or people trying to scare the animals?	We agree with this view and do recognise that there has not been enough development of the Waimakariri River Regional Park in the Selwyn District. We would like see development of horse trails, picnicking, improved access and biodiversity, and the Environment Canterbury proposed Long Term Plan includes some funding for these.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Rebecca Kenny	Riding horses along roadsides isn't safe. I would love for ECan to open a horse park in the Selwyn district.	We agree with this view and do recognise that there has not been enough development of the Waimakariri River Regional Park in the Selwyn District. We would like see development of horse trails, picnicking, improved access and biodiversity, and the Environment Canterbury proposed Long Term Plan includes some funding for these.	That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
William	The risk of flooding in many areas is increased by restrictions in the flow, for example, flooding in Temuka from the Taumatakahu Stream due to debris partially blocking one of the many structures	Rivers are inspected regularly within the resources available. This information is passed on to the Principle River Engineer for	That the operational matter is noted and communicated to the appropriate Council officer for

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Phillips	in the stream. Regularly inspect all waterways and enforce removal of structures on property owners.	consideration of any required action.	action.
Jillian Logan	Cull the Canada geese.	Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. This is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests. The proposed Long Term Plan does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.	That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Graham Logan	Cull the Canada geese.	Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. This is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests. The proposed Long Term Plan does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.	That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Elaine Wadsworth	I would like to see a multi-purpose bridle trail from Brighton to Halswell, and for it to pass through the city.	Regional parks are established on Environment Canterbury land. Environment Canterbury does not control a land corridor from Brighton to Halswell passing through the city, and cannot make this happen.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
David Howden, Mt Somers Walkway Society	For 20 years our group has been working to eradicate broom on the DOC estate of Woolshed Creek and Stour River catchment. We consider broom to be the biggest threat for our high country and its biodiversity, and believe that an uncontrollable increase in the broom problem is starting. We would like ECan to initiate a study to see if our observation is correct.	Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. This is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests. The proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.	That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Nikki Beardsley	Keep the possum control going. Stop farm pits. Ban them and provide waste and recycling free for farmers. Tell the Hurunui District Council to start a rubbish/recycling collection in bins for this district - both rural and	Landowners, in the main, are willing to fund possum control. The only issue is how these funds are collected. OSPRI had previously advised that the 2014/15 year would be the last year in which it would require assistance from regional councils to collect funding. However, the alternative OSPRI funding mechanism has not yet been established, and unless Environment Canterbury continues collection of funds, this work	That the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 be revised to reinstate funding for OSPRI for one further year.

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	town.	<p>would cease. Prior to any funding decision being made, we need to understand how soon OSPRI will be able to collect its own funding.</p> <p>Farm pits are a permitted activity under the Land and Water Regional Plan, as long as they comply with conditions. It is not efficient or effective for farmers to transfer on-farm waste to urban waste/recycling facilities.</p> <p>Taken from the Hurunui District Council (HDC) site: http://www.hurunui.govt.nz/services/hurunui-district-council-waste-and-recycling/local-information-2/ - 'HDC is keen to prevent the burning and burying of waste plastics on farms and therefore supports Plasback, the product stewardship scheme to recycle farm plastics.'</p> <p>A free drop-off point is provided at Culverden transfer station for recycling high density polyethylene plastic agrichemical containers, including those that previously contained pesticides, veterinary medicines and agricultural chemicals.</p> <p>Rubbish and recycling collection in the Hurunui district is the responsibility of HDC.</p> <p>We (Environment Canterbury) will pass on this submission to HDC for reference. The submitter could also lodge a submission on HDC's Long Term Plan; however, the closing date for submissions is 30 April 2015.</p>	
Karen Cochrane	It would be a great idea to have a recreational facility horse park in the Selwyn area that is safely off the road.	We agree with this view and do recognise that there has not been enough development of the Waimakariri River Regional Park in the Selwyn District. We would like see development of horse trails, picnicking, improved access and biodiversity, and the Environment Canterbury proposed Long Term Plan includes some funding for these.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Pat and Tom Sidebotham	The submitter objects to the Council's approach regarding potentially contaminated land at Northwood, Styx Mill and Hampton Grange, and suggests public parks/land is checked first. Submitter notes that top soil from Northwood was removed on subdivision down to clay.	<p>Environment Canterbury has an active programme in place to identify land that has been used for hazardous activities or industries that have the potential to cause land contamination. This is one of the regional council's functions under the Resource Management Act, and we have been collecting this information across the region for the past six years.</p> <p>Prior to this information being collected there was no way to identify potentially hazardous sites, so we could not have prevented use for public parks or any other activity.</p> <p>In most cases, being identified as a potentially contaminated site will not require any further work or testing on the part of the landowner, but it is important that we identify potential problems and notify landowners of</p>	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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		<p>the potential risk so that they can take appropriate precautions.</p> <p>When certain activities are proposed on the land, such as major earthworks or land use change, there may be a requirement to obtain resource consent from either the regional or local council. The Proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 allows for the programme of identifying these sites to continue across the rest of the region.</p>	
<p>Kelvin Bakkenes</p>	<p>Re Canterbury's iconic braided rivers. The second biggest users are, by your survey, motorcyclists, who are mentioned nowhere. The north bank motorcycle area layout is six out of ten, but your execution two, maybe three out of ten. It has to be managed better.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury already spends much more per head on motorcyclists than any other visitor class to our parks, both in terms of the heavy track maintenance required and also the degree of supervision required to maintain safety.</p> <p>The Waimakariri Regional Parks budget includes \$45,000 specifically for providing and maintaining trails for motorcycles. The Kaiapoi Island area was disrupted in the last year by essential river engineering works involving building a rock wall through the middle of the area. The trails have been reinstated with material which was on site, but over the next year will be progressively improved with a heavier and more suitable clay product.</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Ray Goldring, Waimakariri Ecological and Landscape Restoration Alliance Inc.</p>	<p>WELRA would like ECan to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continue to undertake a comprehensive Wilding Pine removal programme by reinstating the back country volunteer programme of the past - support at least three control days per annum at a cost of \$15,000 for three years - continue with the honorarium payments to the organisations and clubs who provide volunteers - acknowledge the use of volunteers - continue to use the 4WD clubs to provide access. <p>The submitter outlines reasons behind this request.</p>	<p>We appreciate your support for the Wilding Pine removal programme. The operational aspects of Wilding Pine removal will be reviewed as a part of a new Regional Pest Management Plan. Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. This is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests. The proposed Long Term Plan does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan, only that it will be reviewed. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine what the direction of the new plan should be before it is finalised.</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Fraser</p>	<p>Controlling animal pests and plant pests is important, and adequate resources must be provided to achieve effective control</p>	<p>Landowners, in the main, are willing to fund possum control. The only issue is how these funds are collected. OSPRI had previously advised that the 2014/15 year would be the last year in which it would require</p>	<p>That the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 be revised to reinstate funding for OSPRI for</p>

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Ross	of these unwanted organisms.	assistance from regional councils to collect funding. However, the alternative OSPRI funding mechanism has not yet been established, and unless Environment Canterbury continues collection of funds, this work would cease. Prior to any funding decision being made, we need to understand how soon OSPRI will be able to collect its own funding. Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. This is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests. The proposed Long Term Plan does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.	one further year.
William Stevens	Landowners should be required to control gorse, broom and especially willow in waterways on their property.	Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. This is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests. The proposed Long Term Plan does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Nick Ledgard, BRaid	<p>Plant pest management: I support the Plan's intention to get a better understanding and management of different pathways by which pests spread.</p> <p>The submitter lists six actions for ECan to manage major weeds, such as gorse and broom.</p>	Thank you for your support for continued pest management. Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. This is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests. The proposed Long Term Plan does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Ms Anne Griffiths	Natural and other hazards: We support ECan activity in this area. We would like to see more urgency in the Long Term Plan response to rising sea levels.	<p>Thank you for the support you have indicated for our work in reducing risk from natural hazards.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required to give effect to the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010, in which section 24 relates to coastal hazards. We have developed maps for Canterbury coastal areas showing coastal hazard lines 50 and 100 years out. Under the Resource Management Act, responsibilities for development outside of these coastal hazard areas are shared with the Christchurch City Council (CCC) who has responsibility for issuing building consents.</p>	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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		<p>It should be noted that the main Canterbury concerns with sea level rise relate to flooding from the Avon and Heathcote Rivers. The Christchurch Drainage Act 1951 gives responsibility for managing these two rivers to CCC.</p>	
<p>Mike Gilbert</p>	<p>Flood protection: You can improve the mitigation of flood risk by stopping future expansion of dwellings on low-laying land.</p> <p>Plant and pest risk: As long as the industry, usually farming, pays the cost for the control, as they are the beneficiaries of the control which, in turn, should improve their bottom line.</p>	<p>It is already our intention to prevent expansion of dwellings on low-lying land. The Regional Policy Statement attempts to prevent future development on high hazard land subject to flooding.</p> <p>For pest management, Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details. The proposed Long Term Plan identifies the need for the review, but does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Pam Richardson, Banks Peninsula Goat Working Group</p>	<p>Request for funding: The Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust, the Department of Conservation, the Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury have formed a partnership in an effort to eradicate goats from Banks Peninsula. Over 5,000 goats have been removed and we are looking for ongoing funding of \$20,000 to continue with an ongoing programme of goat eradication.</p>	<p>We thank you for your support in the work of controlling goats on Banks Peninsula. Unfortunately, a reduction in biosecurity spending is planned to occur. The change is expected to impact the goat control work on Banks Peninsula, with a reduction that could be up to 50% in this area. Management details will be finalised in the pest management review.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. The proposed Long Term Plan identifies the need for the review, but does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. The review will determine the pest management priorities. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Bill Simpson, Avon Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust</p>	<p>Regarding Christchurch City Council's pre-feasibility study into a tidal barrier. We realise that Environment Canterbury will be the consenting authority if the City Council decides to go ahead with construction of the barrier.</p> <p>We ask Environment Canterbury to undertake its own investigations into a tidal barrier, to help the community with understanding the construction challenge and the hydrological and ecological implications of a barrier.</p>	<p>The Christchurch Drainage Act 1951 gives responsibility for managing the Avon and Heathcote Rivers to the Christchurch City Council. The Christchurch City Council has agreed to fund research into a tidal barrier as just one possible option for managing these rivers and preventing flooding. It would not be appropriate for Environment Canterbury to fund a duplication of this research, particularly for a river we do not manage or have authority over. While we doubt that this will proceed beyond initial investigation, if consents were later to be required from Environment Canterbury for work in the marine environment, or any other matter over which we do have authority, then we would need to be</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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		completely satisfied with the validity of the consent information presented.	
Lesley Shand	There should be concern when people build on unsuitable land near the coast and as the braided rivers no longer do what they should do and carry shingle to the mouths of rivers.	The Canterbury Regional Policy Statement attempts to prevent development on high hazard land. Environment Canterbury takes very seriously its work of managing Canterbury's waterways. We do not agree to development that will prevent proper flushing of gravel.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
R J Collins	The submitter is concerned about the capacity of drains and rivers to deal with increased storm water from new subdivisions, and flags the impact of groundwater.	Much of the work to fast track new residential building subdivisions is done by CERA. Both Environment Canterbury and the Christchurch City Council are increasingly sensitive to the increased storm water run-off from new development and also its impact on groundwater. It should be noted that the main Canterbury flooding concerns relate to flooding from the Avon and Heathcote Rivers. The Christchurch Drainage Act 1951 gives responsibility for managing these two rivers to the Christchurch City Council.	That the comments are noted with no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Allen Cookson	Gorse and broom are aggressive weeds with long-lived seeds and are serious threats to native biodiversity and desirable exotic biota in braided rivers and hill country. These plants are a serious threat to the scenic and productive values of Canterbury's high country. The task of halting the spread is beyond landowners' and managers' capacity. I suggest ECan: - Organises high country farmers to utilise volunteers in poisoning isolated plants and small patches of these weeds with a dry herbicide such as Tordon granules or a generic equivalent. Some places with isolated plants or small patches of these weeds include: Mt Ida, Mt Oakden, upper Mathias, Craigieburn Range, Big Ben Range, upper Te Moana, lower Potts River. - Supports land occupiers in removing trees that are weed problems in some places, e.g. some pine species, sycamore and hawthorn. - Sets rules prohibiting planting near streams, to avoid Russell	Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details. The proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 identifies the need for the review, but does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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	<p>lupin infesting braided rivers.</p> <p>Treated timber decays slowly. Waste timber takes up a lot of space at landfills and if burned, harmful non-degradable substances are emitted.</p> <p>ECan should encourage the growth and use of decay-resistant timber species to replace power and telephone poles, fence posts and vineyard posts.</p>		
<p>Mr Peter Townsend, Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>We are very conscious of the potential of sea level change as a result of changing climates and recognise the need to plan proactively in this regard.</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in reducing risk from sea level rise and other natural hazards.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required to give effect to the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010, in which section 24 relates to coastal hazards. We have developed maps for Canterbury coastal areas showing coastal hazard lines 50 and 100 years out. Under the Resource Management Act, responsibilities for development outside of these coastal hazard areas are shared with the Christchurch City Council who has responsibility for issuing building consents.</p> <p>It should be noted that the main Canterbury concerns with sea level rise relate to flooding from the Avon and Heathcote Rivers. While we would like to see greater focus on a long-term sea level rise strategy, particularly identifying areas for future retreat where we cannot adequately defend, the Christchurch Drainage Act 1951 gives responsibility for managing these two rivers to the Christchurch City Council.</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Sue Stubenvoll</p>	<p>All good work but no mention of hazards from rock fall, cliff collapse, etc. This work fits more logically with ECan than with CCC.</p>	<p>Thank you for your support for our work in reducing risk from natural hazards. Our work on earthquake risk includes shaking, liquefaction, tsunami and rock fall. Many of the reports identifying aspects of this risk have been commissioned by Environment Canterbury.</p> <p>However, the Building Act 2004 gives authority for building consent matters, including a declaration that a building is unsafe, to the BCA (Building Consent Authority) which, in this case, is the Christchurch City Council.</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>James and Jill Daly</p>	<p>My neighbour has altered/removed some of the stopbank directly upstream from my property. It was investigated by a compliance officer over a year ago; however, no remedial work has been carried out. ECan needs to take action.</p>	<p>This is of considerable concern and has been forwarded to the Regional Engineer.</p>	<p>That the operational matter is noted and communicated to the appropriate Council officer for action. No change is</p>

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Vicki Christoffersen	The Waimakariri regional park should include a horse area on the south side of the river. Areas have been designated for motorbikes, but very little for horses. Horse areas need to be of significant size that it is worth going there.	We agree with this view and do recognise that there has not been enough development of the Waimakariri River Regional Park in the Selwyn District. We would like see development of horse trails, picnicking, improved access and biodiversity and the Environment Canterbury proposed Long Term Plan does presently include some funding for these.	That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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Lee Breahut	Continue as outlined.	Support, without seeking any change.	That the support is noted with no change recommended to the Long Term Plan 2015-25.
John Sheppard	Stopbank management is essential - have regional rate charges.	Maintaining existing stopbanks continues to be a high priority for Environment Canterbury and small increases in expenditure for stopbank maintenance are budgeted for, not only during the term of the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25, but also during the full term of the Thirty Year Infrastructure Strategy.	That the issue of managing stopbanks is noted, with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Helen Hills	Continue funding to OSPRI.	Landowners, in the main, are willing to fund possum control. The only issue is how these funds are collected. OSPRI had previously advised that the 2014/15 year would be the last year in which it would require assistance from regional councils to collect funding. However, the alternative OSPRI funding mechanism has not yet been established, and unless Environment Canterbury continues collection of funds, this work would cease. Prior to any funding decision being made, we need to understand how soon OSPRI will be able to collect its own funding.	That the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 be revised to reinstate funding for OSPRI for one further year.
Judy Beatson	Most natural hazards are a result of the behaviour of the past populations and unfortunately we seem to be fairly minimal in preventing future 'natural' hazards.	The Canterbury Regional Policy Statement does try and prevent development in high hazard areas and to reduce the impact of natural hazard risk. Other hazards not considered to be 'natural' include pollution to rivers and coastal waters; these are also being addressed, to ensure development is as sustainable as possible, with minimum impact of ecosystems.	That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Deborah	I live in Kaikōura and am concerned about our air quality, especially	The Council appreciates your comments in support for Clean Air as	That the issue is noted with no

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Larson	in the winter, which can be horrendous. A recent survey wanted to know our thoughts on people smoking outside in public places, e.g. parks. You don't have a choice when it comes to old dirty wood burners though. Get tough on enforcing the removal of old wood burners. Prosecute for not complying (one written warning only). Have air quality monitoring.	outlined in your submission, and seeks to achieve positive results into the future. Your comments on air policy and operational matters are currently being considered as part of the review of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan, and will be addressed through this process.	change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Ian Satterthwaite, Lake Tekapo Regional Park Society	Remain in partnership with the Lake Tekapo Regional Park Society.	Our Chief Executive recently signed a renewal of our Memorandum of Understanding with the Lake Tekapo Recreational Park Society, and we remain committed to the relationship.	That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Merv Meredith, Peninsula Tramping Club	<p>That Environment Canterbury continues to fund, organise and provide logistical support for three or four Wilding conifer volunteer days each year in the upper Waimakariri Basin and the headwaters of other braided river catchments.</p> <p>The donation of a nominal \$30 per person to each club represents particularly good value for six hours of pest control work. Typically, between 80-100 people volunteer to work each day for an annual expenditure of between \$7,000-10,000, plus staff time and additional disbursements for the use of vehicles.</p>	We appreciate your support for the Wilding Pine removal programme. The operational aspects of Wilding Pine removal will be reviewed as a part of a new Regional Pest Management Plan. Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. This is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests. The proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan, only that it will be reviewed. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine what the direction of the new plan should be before it is finalised.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Philippa Tyrrell	I support funding for the review of the pest management strategy.	Your support is appreciated. Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. This is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests. The proposed Long Term Plan does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Michael Hide, Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited	Fonterra requests that Environment Canterbury continues to support the management of risks and hazards in Canterbury.	We appreciate your support for management of risks and hazards in Canterbury. This will continue to be a key focus of our future work.	That the comments are noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

Portfolio: Natural habitats
Action: Conditional support

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Ms Noelene Sanderson	I would like habitats where, e.g. Canada geese, gather seasonally, to be available to them and not be (cruelly) culled by those who don't want them.	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to work with community-based organisations to get their input at a local level on how to deliver the best possible biodiversity outcomes.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. The review itself will determine the management details.</p> <p>If the submitter wishes to express a view regarding non-indigenous biodiversity, this should be raised during the review.</p>	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Lee Breahut	The costs of any work which has a flow-on effect towards improving the health of Lake Ellesmere should be shared across the Canterbury region. Be very mindful of river flow minimums - these are set too low at present. Encourage water storage.	<p>Environment Canterbury manages Lake Ellesmere (Waihora) under the co-governance agreement with Ngāi Tahu. Full restoration of the lake is a long-term job.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. Some of the funding comes from general rates, by which costs are shared across the whole Canterbury region, while other funding is from a targeted rate.</p> <p>The economic benefit from water storage is an important consideration, but we must also consider other values including biodiversity and ecosystem health. We do take the work of setting river flow minimums very seriously, and it is hard to maintain a balance that will satisfy everyone.</p>	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mr Craig Mason	Environment Canterbury is to be commended for the cycle trail along the Waimakariri River from Brooklands to McLeans Island. I would like to see the cycleway extended up the Waimakariri River to Arthurs Pass.	We're appreciative of the positive feedback. A cycle trail to Arthur's Pass was investigated when plans were being formed for national cycleways. The proposal lost out to the likes of the Alps 2 Ocean Cycle Trail, and Environment Canterbury currently has no plans to extend cycle trails to Arthurs Pass.	That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
M Yurjevich	Natural habitats need to be predator-free. Increase pest control measures.	The preservation of natural habitats to eliminate predators is a high priority for Environment Canterbury. We will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have.	That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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		<p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p> <p>The proposed Long Term Plan identifies the need for the review but does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.</p>	
Stuart Payne	I support ensuring the most important remaining natural habitats are protected. But a holistic strategy requires waterway corridors and habitats that form 'stepping stones' for wildlife.	<p>Thank you for your support. Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have.</p> <p>We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p>	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Nikki Beardsley	All habitats need protection and action. Why is just the Waimakariri River mentioned in this document? What about the Hurunui, Waiau, Rakaia and Rangitata? They too are under threat.	Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work to protect river habitats in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. All rivers are included in this work.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Philippa Tyrrell	Prioritise the conservation of what already exists, with controls on invasive things. We need to preserve what is left of our natural habitats and only then embark upon enhancement projects.	<p>We appreciate your support for our work to preserve natural habitats by conservation of what already exists. This is a high priority for Environment Canterbury. A control on invasive species is a major focus of this work.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details. The proposed Long Term Plan identifies the need for the review but does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan.</p>	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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		Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.	
Justine Carson-Iles	I think that Environment Canterbury should continue to fund biodiversity projects. It is essential that funding is sustained in this area and not cut.	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p>	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mr Lionel Hume, Federated Farmers Combined Canterbury Branch	<p>That Council acknowledges the very direct links between the well-being of indigenous biodiversity and the control of plant and animal pests.</p> <p>That the biodiversity and biosecurity portfolios be reunited because of the very obvious links between them.</p>	The Council notes the comments made about reuniting the biodiversity and biosecurity portfolios. A review of this is already underway.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Ms Adrienne Lomax, Waihora Ellesmere Trust	Waihora Ellesmere Trust expresses conditional support for natural habitats. With respect to point 3, "focus more on restoring waterway corridors and habitats that form 'stepping stones' for wildlife", we are supportive of this approach but hope that this does not signal a reduction in funding to support community initiatives.	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a more strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p>	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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Sue Stubenvoll	Encouraging volunteers and local initiatives builds long-term value. Yes, fund biodiversity projects and connectivity.	We appreciate your support of our biodiversity activities. Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on enhancement and protection of biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mrs Jane Demeter	Given the current decline of biodiversity trends in Canterbury it is difficult for me to accept that ECan would consider reducing funding in the manner proposed in the draft LTP. Reconsider your proposal and reinstate funding for these items as per previously proposed budgets.	Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a more strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats. Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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Action: Non-support – no alternative suggested

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Diarmuid Toman	Stop spraying toxic chemicals on forage food - especially Elderberry trees which are a marvellous source of food for humans and birds, yet your staff nuke them everywhere (riverbanks, stopbanks, walkways, cycleways (Waimak, Courtney, Burgess Road)).	Environment Canterbury will continue to manage Canterbury's waterways to meet a number of values including eco-system health (including water quality and biodiversity), recreational and economic benefit. No value overrides all others. We note your policy suggestion and will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver the best biodiversity outcomes at a local level.	That the comments on policy are noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Hermann Frank	It is my understanding that funding for biodiversity is going to be cut. This stands in contradiction to the stated goal 'to protect and enhance the region's biodiversity'.	Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to focus on enhancement and protection of biodiversity through connected corridors and connected	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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		<p>habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p>	
Vanessa Horwell	<p>Although it is not clear in this document, I have heard that the LTP involves a significant cut to the funding for biodiversity projects. I would like ECan to maintain or increase the current level of funding for biodiversity.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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Action: Non-support – suggested alternative

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John Sheppard	<p>Introduce and enforce regulations restricting motor vehicles and trail bikes to recognised tracks.</p>	<p>We provide a range of trail bike tracks in the Waimakariri River Regional Park and our rangers actively enforce rules around where trail bikes can be ridden. Large areas of the lower Waimakariri are excluded from trail bike use. Some trail bikers who have persisted in riding in areas set aside for other activities have been issued with trespass notices. We do already restrict all vehicle access at key times and already spend more on monitoring vehicles than on any other visitor class. A brochure, which is available from our website, explains these rules.</p>	<p>That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
Vivien Bishop	<p>The document mentions that the bulk of the proposed rate increase would be needed for improving the region's water quality. I do not agree that we should try to "educate and encourage before tracking down" (page 20). It has not worked. Page 4 depicts a child boogie boarding at Ashley River. Ashley River has been out of bounds for</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to manage Canterbury's waterways to meet a number of values including eco-system health, (including water quality and biodiversity), and also recreational and economic benefit. No one value overrides all others. We will fund this work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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	<p>people and dogs' recreational use for part of the last three summers because of pollution. Farmers and industries discharging nutrients should be given hefty fines and pay for water quality improvement.</p>	<p>committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>The problems with the Ashley River have been related to the development of an algae bloom rather than pollution itself, but we will continue to work at maintaining clean healthy waterways. Where we can collect enough evidence of pollution to obtain a prosecution we do prosecute.</p>	
<p>Philip Pearson</p>	<p>I strongly oppose proposed cuts to biodiversity funding. This is a time of increased and increasing threats to our indigenous biodiversity. To be cutting funding in this critical area at this point in history could be termed 'negligent'.</p> <p>I would like Environment Canterbury to reverse the idea of biodiversity funding cuts - maintain or increase. Stop and regulate motorised vehicles that currently access braided riverbeds and other zones of high ecological value. Keep your eye seriously on the ball vis-a-vis weed species.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details. We do already restrict access by vehicles at key times and already spend more on monitoring vehicles than on any other visitor class. Our rangers actively enforce rules around where trail bikes can be ridden. Large areas of the lower Waimakariri are excluded from trail bike use. Some trail bikers who have persisted in riding in areas set aside for other activities have been issued with trespass notices. A brochure, which is available from our website, explains these rules.</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Steve McNeill</p>	<p>Cuts to animal pest management will undermine aims to improve natural habitats and biodiversity.</p> <p>Increase budgets for animal and plant pest control to support the biodiversity portfolio.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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		widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.	
Mr A G Talbot	The submitter opposes any reduction in expenditure.	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p>	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Ms Anne Griffiths	We have been ECan grant recipients on our land for native bush restoration and do value this part of the Council's work, in partnership with landowners, local councils and DOC. We do not support moving all habitat funding into water zone implementation as the region's natural habitats are diverse.	Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations and individuals to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on enhancement and protection of biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Rachel Hurford, Forest and Bird, North Canterbury Branch	<p>We support the points raised in the summary of aims.</p> <p>We oppose the reduction in funding for biodiversity projects. We understand there is to be a 50% reduction in funding across a number of biodiversity projects. This is excessive and can surely be mitigated.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p>	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Penny	I am greatly disturbed at the plans outlined in this LTP to reduce biodiversity funding.	Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a more strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan

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Wright	<p>I have been leading a very successful wasp control programme in the Craigieburn Basin this year on behalf of the Waimakariri Environment and Recreation Committee. It disappoints me that cuts to this type of funding is being signalled and I am concerned that, ultimately, it may well undermine the hard work and will to overcome that is being displayed at community level.</p> <p>I request that Environment Canterbury develop and implement a plan to prevent, or at the very least minimise, the damage to braided rivers and the ecosystems/wildlife dependent on them caused by motorised vehicles.</p>	<p>resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats. Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p> <p>We will continue to work with local communities and agencies in the accessibility to the region's parks and riverbeds for all users and apply restrictions with those agencies when and where needed or possible. We do already restrict access at key times and already spend more on monitoring vehicles than on any other visitor class. Our rangers actively enforce rules around where trail bikes can be ridden. Large areas of the lower Waimakariri are excluded from trail bike use. Some trail bikers who have persisted in riding in areas set aside for other activities have been issued with trespass notices. A brochure, which is available from our website, explains these rules.</p>	2015-25.
Lesley Shand	<p>Respectfully, I don't like your sentence "Focus more on restoring waterway corridors and habitats that form 'stepping stones' for wildlife". Natural habitats are always more valuable than planted ones. Who is the judge on ensuring 'the most important remaining natural habitats are protected'? All remaining habitats are valuable and warrant protection; even those with weeds should receive protection.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats. Many bird species will not fly over cultivated farmland if the corridors are not continuous.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p>	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Ms Jen Miller,,, Royal New	<p>Environment Canterbury's proposal to refocus the approach to biodiversity investment at the zone level to a more tactical approach raises concern because it is not entirely clear what is intended.</p> <p>Give proper effect to the CWMS by giving priority to the protection of Canterbury's remaining indigenous biodiversity. Clearly set out the</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a more strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity</p>	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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Zealand Forest and Bird Protection Society	<p>threats to these highly vulnerable ecosystems, and steps that will be taken to halt any further decline.</p> <p>Restore the current biodiversity funding and priorities and ensure the biodiversity team has a region-wide perspective and not those set out by zone committees who have no statutory authority.</p> <p>Clearly identify the issues facing Canterbury in respect to Council's work of 'managing and improving the region's biodiversity'.</p> <p>The intention to focus on restoring waterway corridors, in particular catchments, is supported in part. However, Forest and Bird does not support the role of identifying areas for protection/restoration being carried out by individual zone committees. These sites need to be considered at a Canterbury-wide level.</p> <p>Provide a less subjective statement regarding what Council itself wishes to achieve in relation to the protection and enhancement of wetlands, riverbanks and other restoration.</p>	<p>through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p>	

Portfolio: Natural habitats
Action: Policy, performance, general comment

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Nicky Weatherley	<p>Look at securing areas, native plantings, clean waterways, and be more responsible for the management of the environment.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury will continue to manage the other Canterbury waterways to meet a number of values including eco-system health (including water quality and biodiversity), recreational and economic</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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		<p>benefit. No value overrides all others.</p> <p>We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level.</p>	
David Smith	I'd like to see the beaches between the Waimakariri and Ashley Rivers closed to all cars and motorbikes. I should not have to put up with noisy, dangerous cars and (often unregistered) motorbikes on the beach. Small children should be able to go to the beach and play safely.	Waimakariri District Council is currently reviewing the Northern Pegasus Bay by-law which controls vehicle access to this stretch of coastline.	That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Barry Everett	The Ophi River and other riverbeds are a disgrace. Hemlock, blackberry, gorse and masses of Old Man's Beard are choking river flows. Clean it up.	<p>The Council has noted your comments regarding the Ophi River.</p> <p>We do take this matter seriously, and given its nature we will manage it outside of this Long Term Plan process. This matter has been referred to Council's customer services department who will ensure the appropriate Council staff will follow up.</p>	That the operational matter is noted and communicated to Customer Services and the appropriate Council officer for action. No change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mrs Emily Moore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restrict cattle, horses and deer from all wetlands. - Every farm to have a Farm Environment Plan which outlines how waterways and wetlands are to be protected. - More funding for habitat restoration projects. - Change criteria for funding restoration projects to include improved water quality, not just biodiversity. 	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to manage Canterbury's waterways to meet a number of values including eco-system health (including water quality and biodiversity), recreational and economic benefit. No value overrides all others.</p> <p>We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver the best biodiversity outcomes.</p> <p>We are already working to restrict farm animals from waterways and wetlands.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.</p>	That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Carol Thomas	I suggest that Ebbtide Street in South Shore becomes a natural reserve. There is a distinct lack of park-like reserve areas in Rockinghorse Road, Pine Avenue and Marine Parade.	<p>This is a Christchurch City Council matter. We would imagine that the future use of this area will be addressed in due course by them.</p> <p>It is outside the coastal marine environment and not in any RCEP Coastal Hazards Zone, and so is outside Environment Canterbury's authority to create a park. We are not sure what part of Ebbtide Street the submitter is referring to, but the South New Brighton Domain is about 400-500m up the road and the whole of the end of the Spit is already a coastal reserve.</p>	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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<p>Helen Hills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take care of the Heathcote and Avon Rivers. - Native plants to provide corridor habitat for birds, etc. - Walkways/cycleways. - Decrease loess from developing subdivisions to keep rivers clear. - Continue funding for planting and maintenance in the Port Hills. 	<p>The Avon and Heathcote Rivers are managed by the Christchurch City Council under the Christchurch District Drainage Act 1951. Environment Canterbury does not have authority or responsibility for many aspects of the management of those rivers.</p> <p>Cycleways, walkways and subdivisions within Christchurch are also generally the responsibility of the Christchurch City Council.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>We will continue to fund planting and maintenance on the Port Hills.</p>	<p>That the issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>David Scott, Federated Farmers Mackenzie Branch</p>	<p>Biodiversity: In terms of environmental management, it is the function of a species that is important, not its origin. If statements or policies only relate to indigenous native species, then the term should always be so qualified, i.e. 'indigenous biodiversity'.</p> <p>Braided rivers: We are attempting to control their flooding risk impact by stopbanks, etc., but perhaps in the longer-term, for soil and water conservation, we should not be averse to allowing development of their waters, sediments and floodplains to some of the higher forms of river systems.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ECan advocates for retention of rural/agricultural zoning of better soils in any city/town/area consultations - that sediment harvesting be considered part of water allocation and river protection works. 	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details. If the submitter has a view regarding non-indigenous biodiversity, they should raise it during the review.</p> <p>While economic considerations are important, waterways are managed for a number of values, including biodiversity, eco-system health and recreation, and not just economic value.</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Robyn McAllister</p>	<p>When the national cycleway comes through Christchurch please ensure it runs through Charlesworth Reserve - not around the estuary, killing off wonderful special habitats.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury does not have authority or responsibility for the cycleway through Christchurch. This responsibility rests with the Christchurch City Council. We do, however, have some responsibilities regarding the marine environment in the estuary, and will not give consent lightly.</p>	<p>That this policy issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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Evelyne Neville	Put more clumps of New Zealand trees on the Port Hills.	Environment Canterbury already has a policy of encouraging and actively supporting the planting of New Zealand trees on the Port Hills.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
David Sutherland	<p>Of concern are intended cuts to the biosecurity budget when there is still a huge need for work on biodiversity weeds, such as barberries (<i>berberis glaucocarpa</i>), banana passion fruit vine (<i>Passiflora mollissima</i>) and boneseed (<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>) that are proliferating in Christchurch and elsewhere.</p> <p>Control and reduce through direct action and informing landowners of responsibilities and options.</p> <p>Further research to inform a co-ordinated approach to the control, reduction and eventual elimination of mammalian predators in Canterbury and New Zealand.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p>	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Peter Hill, Selwyn District Council	As a Selwyn District Councillor, I am very concerned about the lack of biodiversity on the plains in our district. The Selwyn District Council no longer has a biodiversity staff member and does little beyond providing minimal funding to WET and TAK and Whaka ora Te Waihora. TAK, for example, no longer has enough funding to either employ a restoration specialist or to maintain important restoration sites like the Mitchells Road Mudfish Reserve, which is languishing in neglect and poor management.	Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities, zone committees and district councils to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on and protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Brian Turner	The Ashley River environment needs better monitoring as trail bikes and 4WDs are creating havoc.	We will continue to work with local communities and agencies in the accessibility to the region's parks and riverbeds for all users and apply restrictions with those agencies when and where needed or possible. We do already restrict access at key times and already spend more on monitoring vehicles than on any other visitor class.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Pat and Barry Brooker	Ensure natural habitats are protected and, where possible, enhanced.	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new</p>	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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		<p>Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p>	
<p>Fraser Ross</p>	<p>Maintenance of the existing natural biodiversity and the prevention of further loss should be a priority. Regarding waterway restoration - prevention of the loss of biodiversity should be the first aim.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Nick Ledgard, BRaid</p>	<p>The ownership of off-road motorised transport is increasing and with that the pressure to use them on Canterbury's braided rivers.</p> <p>We urge ECan to restrict the future use of off-road vehicles and bikes on braided riverbeds.</p> <p>The submitter lists steps to achieve this.</p>	<p>We will continue to work with local communities and agencies in the accessibility to the region's parks and riverbeds for all users and apply restrictions with those agencies when and where needed or possible. We do already restrict all vehicle access at key times and already spend more on monitoring vehicles than on any other visitor class.</p> <p>We provide a range of tracks in the Waimakariri River Regional Park and our rangers actively enforce rules around where trail bikes can be ridden. Large areas of the lower Waimakariri are excluded from trail bike use. Some trail bikers who have persisted in riding in areas set aside for other activities have been issued with trespass notices. A brochure, which is available from our website, explains these rules.</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Edith Smith, Ashburton Forest and Bird</p>	<p>Ashburton Forest and Bird supports the BRaid submission to the Long Term Plan with regards to vehicle access to riverbeds. Vehicle activity has been allowed to increase throughout the length of the river from the coast to the headwaters and is now impacting on the breeding success of indigenous birds.</p> <p>We must consider which is more important - protecting endangered indigenous bird species or having 4WD and other vehicle access all year round.</p>	<p>We will continue to work with local communities and agencies in the accessibility to the region's parks and riverbeds for all users and apply restrictions with those agencies when and where needed or possible. We do already restrict access at key times and provide signage and information advising of this. We already spend more on monitoring vehicles than on any other visitor class. Our rangers actively enforce rules around where trail bikes can be ridden. Large areas of the lower Waimakariri are excluded from trail bike use. Some trail bikers who have persisted in riding in areas set aside for other activities have been issued with trespass notices. A brochure, which is available from our website,</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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	<p>We would like Environment Canterbury to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - draft new regulations prohibiting vehicle access during nesting - continue supporting signage about the endangered birds - provide information about the birds' vulnerability to vehicle access. 	<p>explains these rules.</p>	
<p>Mr A G Talbot</p>	<p>I support the principal of the 'polluter pays'. Is this happening?</p> <p>There is a statement that implies all ZIPs by zone committees have been passed by ECan and implemented. Is this correct?</p> <p>There is no detail, including whether or not the limits and levels of nutrient pollution are based on scientific data and analysis.</p> <p>I support the approach outlined in the 'summary of aims', so long as there is action against non-complying farmers.</p> <p>There is no mention of specific freshwater targets, limits and levels of nitrates and phosphates and other pollutants in this section.</p>	<p>Your support for the polluter pays principle is noted. The Canterbury Water Management Strategy has, to date, asked a lot from the farming community through nutrient caps, stream fencing and water efficiency measures. Similar actions are also required to improve water quality in urban areas. All the Zone Implementation Programmes have been approved by Environment Canterbury and we use them to guide all expenditure in the Canterbury Water Management Strategy and Biodiversity portfolios. The limits and nutrient caps are based on substantial scientific data and analysis of environmental, social, economic and cultural effects.</p> <p>Your request for action against non-complying farmers is noted. The rules we are putting in place will progressively require more from farmers through Farm Environment Plans and nutrient budgets.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
<p>Hilary Iles</p>	<p>There are an awful lot of habitats in the Canterbury region that need restoration. Regarding the Mt Sunday project - I was there recently and was disgusted by the intensive grazing of the tussock and the way cows had polluted several small lakes/ponds. Protect existing habitats with good biodiversity from being destroyed.</p> <p>It is important to remember upper catchment values. Intensification is occurring at higher levels on land that has come out of tenure review. Waterways are now under pressure from the word go and these upland catchments are even more fragile than the lower ones.</p> <p>Drive across the Waihi and Orari Rivers upper bridges - sections that have been waterless since early spring are now awash with wall-to-wall lupins; no flood will be strong enough to remove them.</p> <p>I would like Environment Canterbury to:</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - encourage farmers to plant small areas of their farms in natives - produce a simple booklet explaining the importance of biodiversity - produce a simple booklet explaining the connection between vegetation removal and erosion and weed infestation - make sure there are ample funds to the biodiversity aims. 		
<p>Pam Richardson</p>	<p>Good use of funds to focus more on natural corridors and connected habits. What does this mean?</p> <p>I have been involved in a vast range of issues involving the identification, protection and management of biodiversity. This has been a very sound process with the Christchurch City Council and partners, looking at an increase in the number of areas requiring management and protection.</p> <p>Since the earthquakes and the start of the zone committees, there has been less focus on biodiversity. We need to see programmes to keep community interest, improve knowledge and understanding.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats. Many bird species will not fly over cultivated farmland if the corridors are not continuous.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Phil Styler</p>	<p>The Avon River is being planted out of sight and access. It is also on its way to looking like a scruffy ugly creek.</p>	<p>The Avon and Heathcote Rivers are managed by the Christchurch City Council under the Christchurch District Drainage Act 1951. Environment Canterbury does not have authority or responsibility for many aspects of the management of those rivers.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury will continue to manage the other Canterbury waterways to meet a number of values including eco-system health (including water quality and biodiversity), recreational and economic benefit. No value overrides all others. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level.</p>	<p>That the request is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Bill Simpson, Avon Heathcote Estuary Ihutai</p>	<p>Submitter requests:</p> <p>The health of the Avon River/Ōtākaro and Heathcote River/Ōpāwaho and their tributaries are critical to the health of the</p>	<p>The Avon and Heathcote Rivers are managed by the Christchurch City Council under the Christchurch District Drainage Act 1951. Environment Canterbury does not have authority or responsibility for many aspects of the management of those rivers, although we do retain responsibility for the marine environment.</p>	<p>That the request is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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Trust	<p>Avon Heathcote estuary/Ihutai.</p> <p>We wish to work with the Christchurch West Melton Zone Committee, which has a key role in linking and co-ordinating these projects.</p> <p>The continuation of the Healthy Estuary and Rivers Monitoring Programme is important. This monitoring programme includes a three-yearly cultural assessment of the estuary and catchment.</p> <p>We ask that budget is identified in the 2015-25 LTP to carry out this cultural assessment and to implement the relevant recommendations made through this process.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to manage Canterbury's other waterways to meet a number of values including eco-system health (both water quality and biodiversity), recreational, cultural and economic. No value overrides all others. We will fund this work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p>	
Craig Benbow	<p>Natural habitats need protection and ECan has been quite proactive at achieving that. However, more areas need identifying and protection.</p> <p>Take action against those who flout the rules.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p> <p>We will continue to work at maintaining clean, healthy waterways. Where we can collect enough evidence of pollution to obtain a prosecution we do prosecute.</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
Colleen Philip	<p>I am shocked that Environment Canterbury is planning what seem to be large cuts to parts of the biodiversity funding. I had expected, due to the known and increasing number of threats to our indigenous biodiversity in Canterbury, that this area of work would have increased funds, not reduced.</p> <p>I am very worried about what appears to be an alarming number of weed species becoming seriously problematic.</p> <p>Another threat in braided rivers is motorised vehicles. This activity</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a more strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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	<p>must be regulated. I have been told that this access to river beds would not be tolerated overseas. Why do we trash our rivers, lake edges, and other ecologically sensitive areas in this way? ECan must join with other agencies like DOC, LINZ and local councils to deal strategically and effectively with this problem.</p>	<p>new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p> <p>We will continue to work with local communities and agencies in the accessibility to the region's parks and riverbeds for all users and apply restrictions with those agencies when and where needed or possible. We do already restrict access at key times and already spend more on monitoring vehicles than on any other visitor class.</p> <p>Our rangers actively enforce rules around where trail bikes can be ridden. Large areas of the lower Waimakariri are excluded from trail bike use. Some trail bikers who have persisted in riding in areas set aside for other activities have been issued with trespass notices. A brochure, which is available from our website, explains these rules.</p>	
<p>Alice Ridley, Christchurch Youth Council</p>	<p>The consultation group believed that if life was to be valued these places should be protected. A healthy environment will affect the wider community positively. On a physical level, people use them for exercise and on a mental level nature is good for our fundamental well-being. An unhealthy environment is unpleasant to live in and not something to be proud of.</p> <p>When speaking about 'biodiversity' it would be good to specify whether to enhance/protect/maintain, and have a percentage ratio of the 'ideal' biodiversity rate in urban areas. Local authorities need to implement action in regards to protection of diversity, not just 'support' it.</p> <p>Rebuild in an eco-friendly manner, concentrate buildings, people and jobs in the city. Stop the urban sprawl, maintain good transport networks to and from and also within the city, making it reliable, fast and cheap.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to manage Canterbury's waterways to meet a number of values including eco-system health (including water quality and biodiversity), and also recreational and economic benefit. No one value overrides all others. We will fund this work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p> <p>We do have considerable focus on improving transport networks.</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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Action: Support

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Lee	Continue to fund biodiversity projects of all kinds. These are visual signs of where rates are being used.	Thank you for your support. Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to

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Breahut		<p>landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p>	the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Robert Urquhart	In the absence of a more fundamental societal care for stewardship of the natural environment, I absolutely believe that ECan, as our representatives, should continue funding and driving biodiversity projects and habitat repair. I support extending funds/efforts in this direction.	<p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have.</p> <p>We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level.</p> <p>We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p>	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Janice Donaldson	Yes to better management of natural habitats.	Thank you for your support. Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
William Stevens	Natural habitats - corridors and connections: This is great sounding stuff. Continue to help with funding. Some good projects have been the result of past funding assistance by ECan.	Thank you for your support. Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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Mike Gilbert	Good intentions, but only time will tell.	Thank you for your support.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Maree Burnett, Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust	<p>The Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT) supports Environment Canterbury's intention to (a) continue funding biodiversity projects, and (b) focus funds more on natural corridor and connected habitats.</p> <p>The BPCT encourages Environment Canterbury to consider that while biodiversity is closely linked with the CWMS delivery, biodiversity management and enhancement work should go beyond this to include broader terrestrial and marine biodiversity management, including a commitment to pest management.</p> <p>We would like Environment Canterbury to continue to work with landowners and community organisations, like the BPCT, to maximise biodiversity outcomes.</p>	<p>Thank you for your support. Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p>	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Sigrid McDougall	I think ECan should continue to help fund biodiversity projects.	Thank you for your support. Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mr Peter Townsend, Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce	There is a lot of work to be done to ensure that the remediation and maintenance of wetland and riverbank programmes achieve an appropriate balance between land utilisation, biodiversity and protecting water quality. We think that the resources ECan intends to put into this will be money well spent in terms of ensuring the long-term health and biodiversity of waterway corridors.	<p>Thank you for your support of our effort towards ensuring the long-term health and diversity of waterway corridors.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a more strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p>	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Michael	Fonterra supports Environment Canterbury's biodiversity programme.	Thank you for your support for the biodiversity programme. Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a more strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan

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<p>Hide, Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited</p>	<p>We request that Environment Canterbury continues to provide support for improving biodiversity in the region. We are supportive of the proposal to focus on connected corridors and connected habitats.</p>	<p>committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on protecting and maintaining biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details.</p>	<p>2015-25</p>

Portfolio: Proposal to join LGFA scheme
Action: Non-support – no alternative suggested

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Patrick Daly	I do not want Environment Canterbury to join the LGFA Scheme.	The Council has noted that you do not support Environment Canterbury joining the LGFA scheme. The Council has considered your submission but believes that the benefits of joining such a scheme outweigh the very low risk arising from providing a guarantee as to the obligations of other local authorities.	That the non-support to joining the LGFA Scheme is noted, and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

Portfolio: Proposal to join LGFA scheme
Action: Policy, performance, general comment

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Lesley Shand	I suggest you borrow some.	The Council has noted that you do support Environment Canterbury joining the LGFA scheme. The Council has considered your submission and is of the opinion that the benefits of joining such a scheme outweigh the very low risk arising from providing a guarantee as to the obligations of other local authorities.	That the support for joining the LGFA Scheme is noted and no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

Portfolio: Regional leadership
Action: Late submissions

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<p>Michael Theelen, Christchurch City Council</p>	<p>Water management: Acknowledges good work. Requests standards in unconfined aquifers under Christchurch city be maintained and ideally improved.</p> <p>Public transport: Encourages a longer-term view regarding future rapid passenger services.</p> <p>Rebuild: Requests closer co-operation with agencies like EECA.</p> <p>Cleaner air: In addition to submitting to the draft Air Plan, comments on specific Long Term Plan programmes.</p> <p>Setting the rules: Expresses concerns about the impact of ECan’s policy on monitoring and enforcement on source of funding and, ultimately, urban ratepayers.</p> <p>Regional leadership: Submitted to the MfE/DIA ECan governance process. Specifically requests ECan to list Christchurch City Council as a key partner in the final Long Term Plan.</p>	<p>The Council appreciates the supportive comments, but importantly, notes the requests relating to water quality and funding.</p> <p>Regional leadership: We welcome Christchurch City Council’s request for Council to amend the list detailing strategic partners. This will be reflected in the final Long Term Plan.</p> <p>Transport: The Council appreciates Christchurch City Council’s support for a travel behaviour programme to increase the use of public transport in greater Christchurch. We will continue to work with UDS partners to develop a joint long-term plan for public transport options in the future.</p>	<p>The full submission is noted and no change is recommended to the Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p> <p>Under the Regional Leadership portfolio, Christchurch City Council will be added to the list of strategic partners.</p>
<p>Capt. Ken Wilson, Primeport Timaru Ltd</p>	<p>The submission by Primeport Timaru does not dispute or disagree with the proposals within the draft Long Term Plan. It asks for an equitable system of covering the costs of travel whereby each port pays a part of the costs. If this occurs, there will be no benefit or disadvantage to any port operator due to their location within the region.</p>	<p>The Council understands the issue as submitted by Primeport Timaru, and has identified a process by which the Harbourmaster could allocate these costs on new basis.</p>	<p>That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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Elma Hobson, Rakaia Community Association	Submitter requests \$5,000 to co-fund Old Man's Beard control programme.	Thank you for your support for Environment Canterbury's pest management activities. We are required by the 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act to review the management of pests and introduce a new Regional Pest Management Plan. While this is expected to focus more on new pest incursions and pathways for pest spread, with less emphasis on widespread long-established pests, the review itself will determine the details. The proposed Long Term Plan identifies the need for the review but does not set the direction of the new Regional Pest Management Plan. Wide consultation will be undertaken to determine the direction of the new plan before it is introduced.	That this issue is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

Portfolio: Regional leadership
Action: Conditional support

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Suzan Blackstock	Mixed management for ECan - locals and professionals. Elect some representatives but keep professional and neutral core.	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury's Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan's future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan's performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making - sustain ECan's progress since 2010 and best provide for the future priorities and challenges. <p>Following consultation, after 1 May 2015, the Government will decide the way forward. Legislation is likely to be required, which will go before a</p>	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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		select committee and provide a further opportunity for public input. The new structure for ECan is intended to be in place after the local government elections in 2016.	
Frances Scott	Environment Canterbury only needs four government-appointed members, not six. More democracy.	The Council notes your views on potential options for future governance arrangements at Environment Canterbury and trusts that you made these views clear to the central government's submission process on this matter.	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Robert Urquhart	<p>As our representative, I expect ECan to take the lead in understanding and representing widely varying points of view on the issues in our region, and to reach a compromise between those views explaining how and why those decisions are reached. It is vitally important that as much information as possible on the various stakeholders, positions, processes and outcomes be provided to those who wish to engage with a process. I would also like to see ECan work proactively to push meaningful discussions into the public eye through the media.</p> <p>I applaud utilising modern information technology. I would like to see ECan regarded as leading the way nationally, and as a positive role model and supporter of the other regional councils as they address similar issues.</p>	The Council notes your expectations about Council leadership, in particular your desire to see Environment Canterbury encourage public discussion via the media. We are encouraged with your support for Council's work on improving the availability of key information.	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Lance Win	The aims of this policy area are very laudable. Making information available is crucial to the democratic process. Allow full, open election of all the positions on the council.	The Council appreciates your support for its initiatives to improve the availability of information and agrees that it does support democratic practices. It also notes your views on potential options for future governance arrangements at Environment Canterbury and trusts that you made these views clear to the central government's submission process on this matter.	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Luke Schwartfeger, Generation Zero Christchurch	<p>Generation Zero is a national organisation launched in June 2011, with over 10,000 supporters, mostly between the ages of 18 and 30. Our vision is for a thriving, zero-carbon Aotearoa before 2025.</p> <p>The submitter expresses support for ECan's proposals across the Transport, Air, Improved information, and Keeping us safe portfolios. They highlight the issues of climate change, impacts of transportation options and youth engagement.</p>	The Council acknowledges 'Generation Zero' and is encouraged by its participation in our Long Term Plan process. The Council has an interest in working with youth and hearing their voice. We acknowledge the areas that you outline in your submission that are important to your members.	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mr Geoff	<p>The submission includes:</p> <p>1. Introduction:</p>	<p>Water Management:</p> <p>The Council acknowledges the request to match funding from Waimakariri District Council (WDC) for the Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation Working Party.</p>	<p>Water Management:</p> <p>That \$25,000 of new funding be included in the Long Term Plan 2015-25</p>

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<p>Meadows, Waimakariri District Council</p>	<p>- Acknowledging the positive and developing relationship.</p> <p>- Reality of political accountability to the district ratepayers.</p> <p>2. Summary of submission:</p> <p>A request for \$25,000 from Environment Canterbury to match the proposed funding from Council for the Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation Working Party's investigations and scoping of concept designs.</p> <p>Concern about the extension of a new air quality rate to areas within the Clean Air Zones as defined in the proposed Canterbury Air Regional Plan.</p> <p>The extent and time period for the various non-regulatory promotion and educational programmes relating to the management of air quality are questioned, in view of the recent publication by Dr. Jan Wright, Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment.</p> <p>The proposal to reintroduce a clean heating assistance rate for Rangiora from 2019 and Kaiapoi from 2018 is challenged.</p> <p>The change in the method of rating for public transport is supported.</p> <p>Continued collaboration over the Canterbury Water Management Strategy is supported, but there is concern about the absence of commitment date for the Variation/Plan Change to introduce the Waimakariri sub-chapter.</p> <p>Ashley River/Rakahuri River Rating District classification is supported, but concern is expressed.</p> <p>A request for an additional \$10,000 from Environment Canterbury to match \$10,000 provided by Waimakariri District Council to extend the ranger services to enforce the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2015 .</p>	<p>Air Quality:</p> <p>The Council appreciates WDC's collaborative approach with regard to addressing air quality issues, particularly in Kaiapoi and Rangiora. The Council acknowledges the concerns raised in relation to funding air quality initiatives. Environment Canterbury (ECan) is proposing a new approach to how all air quality management is funded, that recognises the priority focus on improving air quality in polluted airsheds versus maintaining good air quality across the region. The new air quality rate proposed for Clean Air Zones (on top of a uniform annual charge that applies region-wide) recognises the benefits that will accrue to these areas (both rural and urban) from better management of emissions from outdoor burning, home heating, industry and odour. This new rate contributes to funding air quality monitoring, planning, implementation, and compliance activities in this area - not just in relation to home heating.</p> <p>Council's comments in relation to the need for non-regulatory promotion and educational programmes are noted. Two strategies are important in reducing home heating emissions in Rangiora and Kaiapoi – replacing older wood burners with better burners and reducing smoke emissions from all households through better burning. The regulatory framework for this approach is proposed in the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and is entirely consistent with the issues raised in the PCE report.</p> <p>Council's comments regarding the introduction of a heating assistance rate is also noted. This rate does not follow the model previously implemented of providing for Clean Heat subsidies, but rather provides for free home energy assessments and discretionary hardship funding to help households that have to replace heating meet strict criteria but who need financial assistance. This initiative has been developed in response to broad stakeholder and community concerns regarding issues of cold homes and fuel poverty and has come out of work with the Canterbury District Health Board. We are open to further discussions with the Council regarding this proposal.</p> <p>Transport:</p> <p>The Council appreciates WDC's ongoing support for public transport and the proposed change to the targeted public transport rate in the district. The Canterbury Regional Public Transport Plan 2014 includes Policy 1.9 which explains the process for investigating the introduction of subsidised public transport services to new areas, such as Oxford.</p>	<p>to share costs associated with investigations and scoping work related to Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation.</p> <p>Air Quality:</p> <p>That the comments and concerns are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p> <p>Transport:</p> <p>That the support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>

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		<p>At present, Oxford residents are paying the low rural public transport rate in recognition of the wider benefits of public transport to the whole district. This rate does not subsidise the commercial service that currently operates to Oxford, which is funded entirely by passenger fares. If a new subsidised service was introduced, Oxford residents would be rated the higher urban rate to subsidise the service and recognise their improved access to public transport.</p> <p>In order to investigate this, ECan would need a formal request from the Council, community board or residents group indicating that there is likely to be local support from residents to use the service and to pay a higher rate. Our staff would then work with the Council and community to investigate the viability for this service in more detail and confirm that the majority of residents are willing to contribute more in their rates.</p> <p>ECan is planning to review the bus services in the Waimakariri district later this year as part of the Northern Access bus package, and staff are already discussing options with your transport officers. ECan welcomes your support and input throughout this process. This could include a needs analysis to determine where accessibility could be improved.</p> <p>The Council also noted your comments regarding the future use of rail and we look forward to working with you further on these investigations.</p>	
<p>Peter Nixon, Timaru District Council</p>	<p>The submission includes:</p> <p>Better water management:</p> <p>That the efforts to improve regional water quality supports the timetable for the Orari-Opihi-Pareora zone.</p> <p>Transport:</p> <p>Support for the ongoing commitment to maintain passenger transport services in the Timaru district.</p> <p>Greater Christchurch rebuild and the port of Timaru:</p> <p>The Council notes comments on support for the rebuild and recovery of Lyttelton port. While Lyttelton port clearly has a place in the future of Canterbury, the Council believes it is important that an ongoing role and support for the port of Timaru is acknowledged.</p>	<p>Transport:</p> <p>The Council appreciates Timaru District Council's input to the Regional Land Transport Plan through the Regional Transport Committee, and their ongoing support for public transport in South Canterbury. We encourage Timaru District Council to continue to improve passenger waiting facilities by providing more shelters and seats at bus stops to enable more residents to use public transport services.</p> <p>Keeping us safe:</p> <p>The Council will continue to engage with issues and services via the liaison committee. There are issues and works that relate to extending culverts due to coastal erosion and relocation of coastal stopbanks. As a matter of course we will provide information about the issues and work including the Seadown Drain proposal.</p> <p>Thank you for your support for continued and enhanced provision of technical support and information relating to natural hazards and hazardous substances.</p>	<p>Transport:</p> <p>That the support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p> <p>Keeping us safe:</p> <p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p> <p>Supportive comments for the Long Term Plan 2015-25 are noted.</p>

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	<p>The Council requests that, while commercial realities exist, it is important that the region works together to ensure both ports have a strong place in contributing to the future growth of Canterbury, and requests that Environment Canterbury acknowledges the role of the port of Timaru in the existing and future growth of Canterbury and considers alternative options when developing the Lyttelton port recovery forward strategy.</p> <p>Infrastructure strategy:</p> <p>The submitter lists five decisions sought from Environment Canterbury.</p> <p>Keeping us safe from natural hazards and hazardous substances:</p> <p>Support for continued and enhanced provision of technical support and information relating to natural hazards and hazardous substances.</p> <p>Collaborative efforts:</p> <p>Acknowledgement of the ongoing work of Environment Canterbury to collaborate across the region on a range of initiatives. These efforts have had benefits including enhanced efficiencies, better relationships and improved decision-making.</p> <p>Biodiversity funding:</p> <p>Support for the continued leadership and funding of biodiversity projects across the region.</p>	<p>Regional leadership:</p> <p>Thank you for your supportive comments on regional collaboration.</p> <p>Water management:</p> <p>Thank you for your support of our efforts to improve regional water quality and the timetable for the Orari-Opihi-Pareora zone.</p> <p>Natural habitats:</p> <p>Thank you for your support. Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a more strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on enhancement and protection of biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats.</p>	
<p>Mr Lionel Hume, Federated Farmers Combined Canterbury Branch</p>	<p>The effective transition to new governance arrangements for ECan in 2016 is crucial. Economic progress is necessary to support the economic needs and expectations of a growing population.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury recognises the importance of progress against economic, social, cultural and environmental areas. We agree that ensuring an effective transition into the new governance arrangements, whatever they might be, is important in maintaining progress.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Murray</p>	<p>The submitter concentrates on items that affect the Avon-Heathcote</p>	<p>Your concerns and passion for the estuary are noted. The Christchurch</p>	<p>That the comments are</p>

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<p>Sim, Christchurch Estuary Association</p>	<p>Estuary and its catchment area, and focuses on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - support of the clean-up of urban waterways - restoring waterway corridors forming 'stepping stones' habitats for wildlife - identification of potentially contaminated land - support of any improvements that reduce silt and contaminants being washed into the estuary - we would like ECan to be proactive in consent and plan compliance rather than relying on the Pollution Hotline - support of proposals to work with local urban communities and councils on better storm water management - support of the water quality monitoring programme in the Estuary. 	<p>West Melton Zone Committee is actively working with the Christchurch community to improve water quality in the Heathcote and Avon Rivers. They are active in advising the Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury on storm water and its effects on water quality.</p> <p>Thank you for your support for our natural habitats work. Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, community groups and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on enhancement and protection of biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in hazardous waste. Environment Canterbury has an active programme in place to identify land that has been used for hazardous activities or industries that have the potential to cause land contamination. This is one of the regional council's functions under the Resource Management Act, and we have been doing this work across the region for the past six years. In most cases, being identified as a potentially contaminated site will not require any further work or testing on the part of the landowner, but it is important that we notify landowners of the potential risk so that they can take appropriate precautions. When certain activities are proposed on the land, such as major earthworks or land use change, there may be a requirement to obtain resource consent from either the regional or local council. The Proposed Long Term Plan 2015 allows for the programme of identifying these sites to continue across the rest of the region.</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and suggested alternatives to our compliance approach. Environment Canterbury will continue to apply a prioritised approach to target our monitoring and compliance on higher risk activities; this prioritised approach will apply in urban and rural parts of the region and also engage with Canterbury Water Management zone committees. Where we need to we will take appropriate action, as this is what the community has told us they want us to do.</p> <p>We do take our responsibilities very seriously to reduce silt and contaminants. We do try and educate, but where we find significant pollution occurring we will certainly prosecute if we have enough information for a prosecution to be successful.</p>	<p>noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>

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Action: Non-support – no alternative suggested

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<p>Mark Bailey</p>	<p>The Long Term Plan is a continuation of the compulsory monopoly we are forced to endure with regards to 'environmental' matters. ECan obtains revenue through coercion and then offers 'consultation' with regards to how to spend the funds. The 'solutions' offered by ECan are clumsy and reflect nothing more than the wishes of special interest groups. Disband promptly.</p>	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury's Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan's future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan's performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making - sustain ECan's progress since 2010 and best provide for the future priorities and challenges. <p>Following consultation, after 1 May 2015, the Government will decide the way forward. Legislation is likely to be required, which will go before a select committee and provide a further opportunity for public input. The new structure for ECan is intended to be in place after the local government elections in 2016.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Keith Thorpe</p>	<p>Reconsider your whole ten-year plan and reduce the wish list of things you want and what we actually need.</p>	<p>The Council notes your request to reconsider the Long Term Plan to better reflect what the community actually needs. The Long Term Plan process has required the Council management and commissioners to walk a fine line between those things that the community and central government expect of us and the ability of the community to afford the resulting programme of work. As you are probably aware, expectations of services never seem to drop so the Council has made a concerted effort, as in previous years, to carefully prioritise resources, find efficiencies in approach, and assess programme effectiveness to cut spending where appropriate.</p>	<p>That the request is noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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<p>Mr Mike Southerwood</p>	<p>When I look at the state of the Heathcote River where it flows through Spreydon Domain, let alone the rivers that flow through Canterbury's dairy country, all I can assume is that the only 'environment' in ECan is in the name.</p> <p>This document is meaningless and simply skirts around real issues of power, environmental sustainability and responsibility, and shows no realistic long-term planning whatsoever.</p> <p>I have no faith or confidence in ECan at all. As far as I can ascertain it's but a storage organisation for governments that think only in dollars, not people or species.</p>	<p>The Council has noted that you do not have any confidence in the Council's proposals for managing and achieving positive results for the elements outlined in the Consultation Document. In particular, your comments about the Council's performance in the management of freshwater were considered along with the manner in which we have communicated via the consultation document. The Council, along with a broad range of stakeholders including elected representatives, has given feedback that positive and demonstrable progress has been made since 2010. The Government's proposal on Environment Canterbury's future governance has reflected on this feedback and seeks to maintain this positive momentum into the future.</p>	<p>That the non-support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Andrew Buglass</p>	<p>The current management of ECan is undemocratic and biased towards the rural/economic interests.</p> <p>Return to the original system of democratic and representative management and governance, rather than a minority gerrymander of rural business interest groups.</p>	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury's Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan's future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan's performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making - sustain ECan's progress since 2010 and best provide for the future priorities and challenges. <p>Following consultation, after 1 May 2015, the Government will decide the way forward. Legislation is likely to be required, which will go before a select committee and provide a further opportunity for public input. The new structure for ECan is intended to be in place after the local government elections in 2016.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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John Shaw	How can I make a worthwhile comment when you are an arm of government? Whatever the government has decided to be done, will be done.	The Council notes your views on Environment Canterbury's governance arrangements and trusts that you made these views clear to the central government submission process on this matter.	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Elizabeth Graydon	I am one of many who has lost faith by the undemocratic process used to secure your jobs.	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury's Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan's future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan's performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making - sustain ECan's progress since 2010 and best provide for the future priorities and challenges. <p>Following consultation, after 1 May 2015, the Government will decide the way forward. Legislation is likely to be required, which will go before a select committee and provide a further opportunity for public input. The new structure for ECan is intended to be in place after the local government elections in 2016.</p>	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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<p>Avis Fitzpatrick</p>	<p>I wish ECan to be disbanded and handed back to Canterbury straight away. I do not wish more of my rates to be given to ECan because they are only looking after a very select group and not the average Cantabrian.</p>	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury's Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan's future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan's performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making - sustain ECan's progress since 2010 and best provide for the future priorities and challenges. <p>Following consultation, after 1 May 2015, the Government will decide the way forward. Legislation is likely to be required, which will go before a select committee and provide a further opportunity for public input. The new structure for ECan is intended to be in place after the local government elections in 2016.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Nat Clark</p>	<p>This process is a joke. You are a non-elected body created by a corrupt government who has sold out on numerous occasions to overseas interests.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resign on mass to have a true 'democratic' elect body. 2. Fall on your swords. 3. Publicly acknowledge you are a corrupt and anti-democratic body with 	<p>The Council notes your views about the current governance arrangement and the long-term process. We trust that you made your views about future arrangements clear to the central government's submission process on this matter.</p> <p>We provide the following as background to this process in case you were not aware, and to indicate that change is occurring in 2016.</p> <p>The statutory management of Environment Canterbury (ECan) by commissioners will soon end. In March 2015, the Government invited</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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	<p>no concept of public good, just driven by corporate greed.</p> <p>4. Stop collecting money without public representation.</p>	<p>feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury’s Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan’s future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan’s performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making - sustain ECan’s progress since 2010 and best provide for the future priorities and challenges. <p>Following consultation, after 1 May 2015, the Government will decide the way forward. Legislation is likely to be required, which will go before a select committee and provide a further opportunity for public input. The new structure for ECan is intended to be in place after the local government elections in 2016.</p>	
<p>Shem Smith</p>	<p>I want full democracy restored now. I want our regional council to be made up entirely of people who were voted in by the people who live in this region. Hold democratic elections for all councillors immediately.</p>	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury’s Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan’s future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan’s performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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<p>Vivienne Allan</p>	<p>The consultation document says "We need to provide a credible and strong voice for the region, speaking as one, yet understanding and respecting our different priorities". The issue here is one of credibility, and because ECan doesn't have elected representatives it cannot be considered credible. City and district councillors are elected. ECan's commissioners are not. It has nothing to do with competency. It has everything to do with democracy.</p> <p>Be bold and brave and inform Minister Smith and the National Government, who promised not to become arrogant (John Key's words post-election), that Canterbury is of age and can vote.</p>	<p>The Council notes your views on potential options for future governance arrangements at Environment Canterbury and trusts that you made these views clear to the central government's submission process on this matter.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Diarmuid Toman</p>	<p>I propose that ECan starts to perform its role honestly, on behalf of all New Zealanders, and not be swayed by the greed of corporates and property developers.</p> <p>Reinstate the democratically-elected representatives that the public voted for.</p>	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury's Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan's future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan's performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <p>- strike the right balance between local representation and specialist</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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<p>Ralph Boardman</p>	<p>The commissioners have passed their use-by date and should resign so that our real representative can make appropriate decisions on my behalf.</p> <p>Hold free and fair elections as soon as possible, and under the conventions make minimal decisions until then.</p>	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury’s Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan’s future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan’s performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making - sustain ECan’s progress since 2010 and best provide for the future priorities and challenges. <p>Following consultation, after 1 May 2015, the Government will decide the way forward. Legislation is likely to be required, which will go before a select committee and provide a further opportunity for public input. The new structure for ECan is intended to be in place after the local government elections in 2016.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Barry</p>	<p>Get rid of ECan. Too many bureaucrats make rules. Get rid of these overpaid parasites.</p>	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change</p>

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Andrew Bell	Bring back democracy. We have had taxation without representation far too long. I have no confidence ECan would consider my submission on its ten-year plan made by citizens of Canterbury.	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury’s Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan’s future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan’s performance prior to 2010.</p>	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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<p>Gary Nicholls</p>	<p>Return to democracy, i.e. a democratically-elected ECan.</p>	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury’s Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan’s future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan’s performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making - sustain ECan’s progress since 2010 and best provide for the future priorities and challenges. <p>Following consultation, after 1 May 2015, the Government will decide the way forward. Legislation is likely to be required, which will go before a select committee and provide a further opportunity for public input. The new structure for ECan is intended to be in place after the local</p>	<p>That the comment is noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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Denys Hadfield	Give Canterbury a free election for ECan.	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury’s Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan’s future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan’s performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making - sustain ECan’s progress since 2010 and best provide for the future priorities and challenges. <p>Following consultation, after 1 May 2015, the Government will decide the way forward. Legislation is likely to be required, which will go before a select committee and provide a further opportunity for public input. The new structure for ECan is intended to be in place after the local government elections in 2016.</p>	That the comment is noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
N Tolerton	Restore democracy - a fully-elected council. No taxation without representation.	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury’s Mayoral Forum.</p>	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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<p>Sue Bagshaw</p>	<p>Resign all so that the democratic valour of local government can be restored.</p>	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury’s Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan’s future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan’s performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making - sustain ECan’s progress since 2010 and best provide for the future priorities and challenges. 	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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<p>John Summers</p>	<p>I want all the commissioners to resign and implore the minister to return to an elected ECan. This so-called consultation document is nothing more or less than a public relations exercise. I see it is not even on sustainably harvested paper.</p>	<p>The Council notes your views on potential options for future governance arrangements at Environment Canterbury and trusts that you made these views clear to the central government’s submission process on this matter.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Carol Eggleston</p>	<p>Surely Christchurch has the equal of outside commissioners brought in to run ECan? My submission is that Dame Margaret investigates the clear duplication in the roles of local and district councils and ECan.</p>	<p>The Council notes your request that we investigate duplication of roles between us and district councils. Environment Canterbury has already invested effort and resource in strengthening both its relationship with district councils of the region and assisting the collective voice of the councils. This effort assists both Environment Canterbury and the district councils to better understand where and how our efforts relate and, importantly, where we need to work together to strengthen services provided to ratepayers, including their voice to government and agencies.</p>	<p>That the request is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Judy Beatson</p>	<p>To work better with the Canterbury individuals we need to elect our ECan governance team and not have a board of government appointees.</p>	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury’s Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan’s future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan’s performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making - sustain ECan’s progress since 2010 and best provide for the future 	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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Ms Jennifer Porter	ECan needs to do better to get real input and not waste funds on meaningless publications. Hold face-to-face meetings in accessible places after 'real' publicity.	The Council notes your preference for face-to-face public meetings, and lack of support for consultation documents.	That the comments are noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
R G Mundy	The wastefulness of your processes beggars belief. Employ a planner to do away with your costly reduplications. I have now been surveyed about the Air Plan (page16) five different times over the course of four years.	The Council acknowledges your comments about our planning processes. We do carefully plan our communications across these key issues and balancing cost with community and legal expectations is a critical element. There are usually specific legal requirements that require the Council to consult on these matters.	The comments are noted with no change recommended to the Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Kenneth Grave	Don't try to govern beyond 2016. Commissioners resign.	The Council notes your comments and trust that you have submitted your views to the Government's public submission process on this matter. In short, the current Environment Canterbury arrangement will be replaced in 2016 with an option being decided by the Government.	The comments are noted with no change recommended to the Long Term Plan 2015-25.
David Dock	It does not matter - you will do what you want anyway.	The Council notes your comments and trust that you have submitted your views to the Government's public submission process on governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury. In short, the current Environment Canterbury arrangement will be replaced in 2016 with an option being decided by the Government.	The comments are noted with no change recommended to the Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mike Gilbert	Nothing tells me more about your priorities than the list of organisations you work with. Councils, Ngāi Tahu, farmers and business. Far, far too much commercial interest. Consider the community as a whole. Most of your proposals exist because of the problems caused by that commercial list. Community first, commerce second.	Environment Canterbury is charged with the sustainable management of natural and physical resources in the region. In order to achieve and to meet social, environment, economic and cultural outcomes, the Council must engage with all communities, including those sectors that form part of the economic fabric of our society. District councils as representatives of local communities, and Ngāi Tahu as the tangata whenua, are organisations also with an interest in achieving the four well-beings for the regional community.	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Keith	ECan must be elected solely by the people of Canterbury. Canterbury cannot be separated out from the rest of New Zealand - this is undemocratic. The people of Canterbury should not have to pay rates to	The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed

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Rhonda Fearnley	When will we get democracy back?	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury’s Mayoral Forum.</p>	The Council notes that the decision on this issue is being taken by the Government and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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Mr Craig Mason	<p>The Christchurch-Little River Rail Trail Trust was set up by Environment Canterbury. If you are going to set up community groups to address issues, you need to deal with them in a much more constructive way than has been our experience to date. You also need to make sure that in dealing with issues, you do so efficiently and not leave them to drag on for years and years while the council procrastinates.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury acknowledges that it has been involved with a wide range of community based organisations over the years. The Council is currently developing a framework for managing the varied requests and expectations it receives from such organisations.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
Andrew McKay	<p>Bring back democracy. ECan commissioners resign in disgrace.</p>	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury’s Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan’s future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan’s performance prior to 2010.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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<p>P Rhodes</p>	<p>Elect a council.</p>	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury’s Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan’s future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan’s performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making - sustain ECan’s progress since 2010 and best provide for the future priorities and challenges. <p>Following consultation, after 1 May 2015, the Government will decide the way forward. Legislation is likely to be required, which will go before a select committee and provide a further opportunity for public input. The new structure for ECan is intended to be in place after the local</p>	<p>That the comment is noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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John Atkinson	Return control of ECan to the people of Canterbury. A few key ECan commissioners should be retained for a year to ensure a transfer of knowledge.	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury’s Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan’s future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan’s performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making - sustain ECan’s progress since 2010 and best provide for the future priorities and challenges. <p>Following consultation, after 1 May 2015, the Government will decide the way forward. Legislation is likely to be required, which will go before a select committee and provide a further opportunity for public input. The new structure for ECan is intended to be in place after the local government elections in 2016.</p>	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Jan Zervos	ECan, in its present form, needs to do nothing except exist briefly while democracy is restored and communities progress towards administratively managing themselves.	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury’s Mayoral Forum.</p>	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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<p>Dr Richard McCubbin</p>	<p>My submission is that you should resign and make way for an elected body.</p>	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury’s Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan’s future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan’s performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making - sustain ECan’s progress since 2010 and best provide for the future priorities and challenges. 	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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<p>Peter Reeves</p>	<p>Return democracy to Canterbury.</p>	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury’s Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan’s future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan’s performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making - sustain ECan’s progress since 2010 and best provide for the future priorities and challenges. <p>Following consultation, after 1 May 2015, the Government will decide the way forward. Legislation is likely to be required, which will go before a select committee and provide a further opportunity for public input. The new structure for ECan is intended to be in place after the local government elections in 2016.</p>	<p>That the comment is noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
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<p>Nikki Beardsley</p>	<p>ECan should be democratically elected in 2016.</p>	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury’s Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan’s future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan’s performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making 	<p>That the comment is noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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<p>Janice Donaldson</p>	<p>I want the best leadership - yes to mixed governance.</p>	<p>The Council notes your views on potential options for future governance arrangements at Environment Canterbury and trusts that you made these views clear to the central government's submission process on this matter.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Philippa Tyrrell</p>	<p>Return to a democratic fully-elected council.</p>	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury's Mayoral Forum.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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<p>Pat and Barry Brooker</p>	<p>Bring back a democratically-elected regional council as soon as possible.</p>	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury’s Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan’s future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan’s performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making - sustain ECan’s progress since 2010 and best provide for the future priorities and challenges. 	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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<p>Mr A G Talbot</p>	<p>Climate change is a major international issue, but sadly there is still a low awareness and a 'head in the sand' attitude amongst the public and politicians regarding future impacts. I support careful consideration and increased education regarding the impacts of climate change, and the risk of tsunamis for coastal communities.</p>	<p>Regionally we are developing an approach in conjunction with territorial authorities in response to weather and climate. Topics include flooding, land inundation and tsunamis.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Ms Anne Griffiths</p>	<p>We seek a more democratically-accountable Environment Canterbury.</p>	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury's Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan's future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan's performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making - sustain ECan's progress since 2010 and best provide for the future priorities and challenges. <p>Following consultation, after 1 May 2015, the Government will decide the way forward. Legislation is likely to be required, which will go before a select committee and provide a further opportunity for public input. The new structure for ECan is intended to be in place after the local government elections in 2016.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Rachel</p>	<p>We are concerned that the impact of climate change/disruption is not more</p>	<p>Regionally we are developing an approach in conjunction with territorial</p>	<p>That the comments are</p>

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Hurford, Forest and Bird, North Canterbury Branch	in the forefront of planning and thinking amongst both politicians and the public in general. We support most of the aims presented in the summary. We strongly support a significant improvement in provision of relevant scientific/hard data, particularly in relation to progress on freshwater management.	authorities in response to weather and climate. Topics include flooding, land inundation and tsunamis.	noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Chris Martin, Selwyn Youth Council	ECan should have a youth council or advisory group.	Environment Canterbury maintains an active programme engaging with the youth of the region. Staff assist teachers, students and community groups to learn about Canterbury's natural resources, and how best to look after and sustain them. As part of our annual programme we hold youth hui and summits. We encourage a representative of the Selwyn District Council Youth Council to contact a member of our Youth Engagement team.	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Lesley Shand	You ask how you could improve the ways you work with the named organisations and individuals, including Ngāi Tahu. You will not improve your management of water by expanding farming when you are already reaching the nitrate limit. By shifting the nitrate limit how is the Mauri of water to be protected? You can't kill Mauri of water and expect the Mauri to come back when nitrogen is reduced in a river.	Your views on the connection between nitrate limits and mauri are noted. The health of a waterway depends on many factors, such as riparian planting, clarity, lack of bed disturbance by vehicles, etc. We recognise the importance of setting nitrate limits. The balance of those limits with all other community interests is a difficult decision that is ultimately tested through an RMA hearing.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Peter Lamsdale	Elected representation.	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury's Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan's future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan's performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making 	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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<p>Nicky Snoyink</p>	<p>I would like to see Environment Canterbury take an integrated approach to managing Canterbury's natural resources. I would like to see a better leadership role in monitoring water quality of lakes and rivers, air quality - both urban and rural - and biodiversity gains and losses, and to publish results in a forum which is easy to find, as well as regularly reported on in the media, highlighting what behavioural changes are required in order to meet environmental improvement targets. Media coverage of environmental performance helps to change a culture.</p> <p>As you are probably well aware, New Zealand has a phenomenal international reputation for its clean image, but also appears to have little data to back up its claims. Visitors observe unenvironmentally-friendly practices.</p> <p>I urge the reintroduction of democracy.</p>	<p>The Council notes your expectations of our leadership in terms of an integrated approach and transparency in approach and achievement. We can relate to your comments about improving the public discourse on matters of importance for our region and have prioritised work to improve the provision of information to the community.</p> <p>The Council also notes your comment regarding future governance arrangements at Environment Canterbury and trusts that you made your views clear to the central government's submission process on this matter. The current arrangements will be replaced in late 2016 with the new arrangements yet to be announced by the Government.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Mr Frank Hill</p>	<p>ECan should be returned to a fully democratically-elected council as soon as possible.</p>	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury's Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan's future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan's performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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<p>Karen Brownie, Avebury Community House</p>	<p>Go back to councillors all being elected.</p>	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury’s Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan’s future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan’s performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <p>- strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making</p> <p>- sustain ECan’s progress since 2010 and best provide for the future priorities and challenges.</p> <p>Following consultation, after 1 May 2015, the Government will decide the way forward. Legislation is likely to be required, which will go before a select committee and provide a further opportunity for public input. The new structure for ECan is intended to be in place after the local government elections in 2016.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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Alice Ridley, Christchurch Youth Council	<p>The consultation group believed that if life was to be valued these places should be protected. A healthy environment will affect the wider community positively. On a physical level, people use them for exercise and on a mental level nature is good for our fundamental well-being. An unhealthy environment is unpleasant to live in and not something to be proud of.</p> <p>When speaking about 'biodiversity' it would be good to specify whether to enhance/protect/maintain, and have a percentage ratio of the 'ideal' biodiversity rate in urban areas. Local authorities need to implement action in regards to protection of diversity, not just 'support' it.</p> <p>Rebuild in an eco-friendly manner, concentrate buildings, people and jobs in the city. Stop the urban sprawl, and maintain good transport networks to and from and also within the city, making it reliable, fast and cheap.</p>	<p>The Council appreciates the submission and interests expressed by the Christchurch Youth Council. We identify with your overarching comments on the importance and impact of a healthy environment – the thinking behind our priorities and services is about achieving positive well-being across the social, economic, environmental and cultural spheres.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to focus on enhancement and protection of biodiversity through connected corridors and connected habitats. We note your idea about a 'ratio'.</p> <p>As you indicate, developing the greater Christchurch area involves many aspects and stakeholders that are interrelated, often in complex ways. Environment Canterbury is focused on playing its part, based on its role, to positively influence the quality of life.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Alice Ridley	<p>The Christchurch Youth Council would like Environment Canterbury to consider the ideas of the young people who were consulted as an integral part of the process for the Long Term Plan.</p>	<p>The Council notes your request to consider the ideas of young people as expressed in our Long Term Plan process. This has occurred at both a staff and commissioner level for this particular planning cycle and, importantly, we look forward to and will be encouraging continued engagement and consideration of views and ideas into the future.</p>	<p>That the request is noted and no change is required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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Action: Support

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Lee Breahut	Keep on top of data management processes. Only gather what has a definite purpose behind it - not data for data's sake.	The Council appreciates your concern about the potential to 'over manage' information and assures you that only the information required for assessing our processes and managing our responsibilities will be collected.	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Allan Hunter	From 2016 make a return to elected members with, as suggested, keeping some appropriate governors.	<p>The following provides an overview of the central government-controlled process on determining future governance arrangements for Environment Canterbury (ECan). The statutory management of ECan by commissioners will soon end.</p> <p>In March 2015, the Government invited feedback from the community on a proposal for a mixed governance structure for ECan, similar to a district health board, with a mix of elected members and government appointees. This proposal was informed by conversations with the ECan commissioners, Ngāi Tahu, and Canterbury's Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>There was recognition of the importance of ensuring that ECan's future governance arrangements support effective, accountable decision-making and strong organisational performance. The positive progress achieved by the commissioners, since their appointment in 2010, was considered, as was the record of ECan's performance prior to 2010.</p> <p>In deciding a future governance structure, the Government seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strike the right balance between local representation and specialist skills and expertise for good-quality decision-making - sustain ECan's progress since 2010 and best provide for the future priorities and challenges. <p>Following consultation, after 1 May 2015, the Government will decide the way forward. Legislation is likely to be required, which will go before a select committee and provide a further opportunity for public input. The new structure for ECan is intended to be in place after the local government elections in 2016.</p>	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Janice Lavelle	Thank you for the well-presented and easy-to-read document.	The Council is encouraged by your support for our Consultation Document and is pleased that you found it useful. Our intention is to continue improving how we present and provide access to information about our activities in future community planning processes.	That the support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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W H Vink	Continue collaboration with Ngāi Tahu, councils and health boards. Provide better information about water flows and quality, land use, public transport, pollution, pests and flood risks.	Your support for the Council's efforts on building a stronger relationship with Ngāi Tahu, along with improving the availability of information, is appreciated.	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Mr A G Talbot	I support most of the aims presented in the summary. I strongly support a significant improvement in provision of relevant scientific/hard data, particularly in relation to progress on freshwater management.	Your support for the Council's direction is appreciated; we note your specific interest and support for improved information to the community.	That the support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Gina Solomon, Te Korowai o Te Tai o Marokura	Submitter request: Currently, Te Korowai has a Memorandum of Understanding with Environment Canterbury, dated 21 November 2012. This provides for funding of \$20,000 per year for three years. Payment of each annual grant of \$20,000 is subject to it being confirmed through Environment Canterbury's Annual Plan process for the relevant year. Te Korowai o Te Tai o Marokura requests continued ongoing support from Environment Canterbury to progress the work it is doing in partnership with Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura and its community.	Environment Canterbury has allocated \$20,000 to Te Korowai o Te Tai o Marokura for the next three years in its draft budgets for this Long Term Plan. Environment Canterbury recognises the new statutory status of Te Korowai and encourages the organisation to use this to secure larger and potentially more substantial funding sources to meet their aspirations.	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Ms Janet Begg	Thank you for the 30-page Consultation Document.	The Council is encouraged by your support for our Consultation Document and is pleased that you found it useful. Our intention is to continue improving how we present and provide access to information about our activities in future community planning processes.	That the support is noted and no change is required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Bill Simpson, Avon Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust	Submitter request: AHEIT gratefully acknowledges the commitment by ECan in this LTP to work in partnership with community-based groups. We strongly believe that as a partnership we can deliver better and more lasting environmental outcomes. The financial and staffing support ECan gives within this partnership approach continually renews our enthusiasm. We ask that ECan continue its support for the Trust, and that this is agreed through a new MOU.	Environment Canterbury will continue to manage Canterbury's waterways to meet a number of values, including eco-system health (including water quality and biodiversity) and economic benefit. No value overrides all others. We will fund this work in a strategic and tactical way in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations, where possible, to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. We will continue to focus on enhancement and protection of biodiversity through	That the request is noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.

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	<p>The Trust is currently investigating the need for an estuary wildlife management plan. If such a plan is developed by the Trust or by another agency, the specialist staff from ECan may be consulted during the plan preparation. We submit that it is essential to our success that the staff allocation is continued. We also ask that, if required, specialist staff be available to be consulted in the preparation of an estuary wildlife management plan.</p>	<p>connected corridors and connected habitats.</p>	
<p>Ms Kristen Price, The Enviroschools Foundation</p>	<p>We would like to acknowledge Environment Canterbury for supporting young people in your region to be part of the Enviroschools network since 2003.</p> <p>This submission encourages ECan to maintain its involvement in Enviroschools along with the other regional partner agencies - Timaru District Council, Selwyn District Council, Waimakariri District Council and the Department of Conservation. Christchurch City Council has been supporting through community grants.</p>	<p>The Council notes the request to maintain its involvement with and support for Enviroschools. It is the Council's intention that this occurs with the Long Term Plan proposal supporting our intent.</p>	<p>That the request is noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Mark Yaxley, New Zealand Transport Agency</p>	<p>The Transport Agency supports the general structure of the draft Plan and the support Environment Canterbury extends to CERA for infrastructure improvements for the Christchurch city earthquake recovery-focused projects in general and, in particular, Lyttelton port's rebuild and recovery through the Lyttelton Port Recovery Plan.</p>	<p>The Council appreciates your general support for the direction defined in the Long Term Plan, and notes your positive comments about the support we extend to CERA for infrastructure improvements.</p>	<p>That the support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Mr Kelvin Coe, Selwyn District Council</p>	<p>The Selwyn District Council wishes to compliment Environment Canterbury on a well-presented 2015-25 draft Long Term Plan and acknowledges the positive working relationship between the two organisations.</p>	<p>Your positive comments about the presentation of our Long Term Plan are appreciated; as you are aware, it is a challenging process. We are particularly encouraged by Selwyn District Council's acknowledgment of the positive working relationship that exists between our organisations.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>
<p>Mr Peter Townsend, Canterbury Employers' Chamber of</p>	<p>We are very pleased with the positive and constructive relationship we enjoy with ECan and applaud the organisation for its markedly improved performance in recent years. We see continuous improvement and a much clearer focus of activities with accountability that has not been the case in the past.</p> <p>We are very supportive of the direction that ECan intends to take over the next ten years. We recognise the imminent changes in governance and</p>	<p>Your supportive comments about the positive and constructive relationships that exist between our organisations is appreciated. In particular, we note your support for our direction expressed in the Long Term Plan and the role and interests held by the Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>The acknowledgement of Environment Canterbury's progress over recent years, including strengthening relationships across the regional</p>	<p>That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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Commerce	<p>support a transition phase.</p> <p>We believe it is critical that ECan continues to make relevant and concise information available. In that context, we recognise the role that the CECC plays as a key representative of business and we have a strong desire to continue to work with ECan.</p> <p>We also applaud the interest ECan is taking in working closely with the wider community to establish appropriate parameters in a post-CERA and post-CDU environment.</p> <p>Finally, we are grateful for the work that has been led by ECan through the Mayoral Forum.</p>	<p>community, is also noted.</p> <p>We agree that ensuring an effective transition into the new governance arrangements, whatever they might be, is important.</p>	
Ms Adrienne Lomax, Waihora Ellesmere Trust	<p>Submitter request:</p> <p>Waihora Ellesmere Trust (WET) is a community organisation dedicated to the improvement of the health and biodiversity of Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere and its catchment, and is actively involved in many projects that contribute to progressing Environment Canterbury's priorities, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - hosting, in partnership with key agencies, a biennial Living Lake Symposium - collating monitoring data from agencies, universities and others, and publishing a report on the state of Te Waihora and the catchment - supporting the implementation of the Whakaora Te Waihora Joint Cultural and Ecological Plan - facilitating the Te Waihora Agencies Group - promoting and supporting improved and sustainable drain management - co-ordinating the annual Te Waihora wetland bird survey - working with local schools and community to raise awareness of the special values of Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere - Lake Opening Protocol Group. 	<p>Your support for the Council's direction is acknowledged and the work of the Waihora Ellesmere Trust to support outcomes for Te Waihora and its catchment is greatly appreciated.</p>	<p>That the support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.</p>

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	<p>We are pleased to see that improving the region's water quality is Environment Canterbury's top priority.</p> <p>WET has a current Memorandum of Understanding with Environment Canterbury, which it is keen to see continue.</p> <p>WET is seeking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continuity of funding and other support - Environment Canterbury to continue to take the lead in contracting the facilitation of the Te Waihora Agencies Group - continued support for the integrated biennial reporting and hosting of the Living Lake Symposia. 		

Portfolio: Setting the rules
Action: Conditional support

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Lee Breahut	Encourage personal responsibility first through education before cracking down on non-compliance.	Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. Once the rules are set, the key to ensuring they are followed is initially through educating resource users and consent holders. However, over time, if this approach doesn't work, we are prepared to take action as we know taking action is what the community wants us to do.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Suzan Blackstock	Accurate investigation into resource consent applications is needed. If land consent has air and water issues then both local council and Environment Canterbury should hear it together. Consider the environment before granting consents. Just because dairying is the current trend, is it really sustainable?	Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. In setting the rules and policies we use the best available information to set limits and parameters for resource use. This information is also key to assessing resource consent applications. Environment Canterbury acknowledges your support for joining up consenting practices with local councils, and wherever possible works to achieve that, and will continue to do so.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Sue Bagshaw	Consent to land use needs to have a bottom line of sustainability.	Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. In setting the rules and policies we use the best available information to set limits and parameters for resource use. This information is also key to assessing resource consent applications.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Judy Beatson	Educate and encourage, but don't be lenient on those who blatantly ignore the rules. Consequences should follow.	Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. Once the rules are set, the key to ensuring they are followed is initially through educating resource users and consent holders. However, over time, if this approach doesn't work, we are prepared to take action as we know taking action is what the community wants us to do.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Robert Urquhart	Attempts to educate and encourage breaching parties - especially if the breach is to some extent deliberate - gives those parties more time to stall and do nothing.	Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. Once the rules are set, the key to ensuring they are followed is initially through educating resource users and consent holders. However, over time, if this approach doesn't work, we are prepared to take action as we know taking action is what the community wants us to do.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Scott Butcher	Environment Canterbury needs to develop a method of measuring the value of ecosystem services, so that if farmers contribute significantly to greenhouse gas emissions or damage indigenous habitats, the compensation they pay to mitigate or offset that	Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. In setting the rules and policies we use the best available information to set limits and parameters for resource use. This information is also key to assessing resource consent applications.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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	<p>damage is commensurate to the damage they have contributed to.</p> <p>Work harder to stop unsustainable land use, in particular the impacts of dairy farming on both indigenous habitats and greenhouse gas emissions.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury is aware that globally and nationally the value of ecosystem services and how this information is used by industries, businesses and agencies is something we need to continue to monitor and consider alongside other central agencies.</p>	
<p>Mr Lionel Hume, Federated Farmers Combined Canterbury Branch</p>	<p>That Environment Canterbury follows a policy of working with land-users to implement regional plans, because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - co-operation is needed to make the Plan work - limits and rules may be incorrect and impossible to comply with - the error associated with Overseer may make it difficult to determine compliance or the lack of it. 	<p>Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. In setting the rules and policies we are aware that we need to use the best available information to set limits and parameters for resource use. This information is also key to assessing resource consent applications.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
<p>Steve McNeill</p>	<p>Provide best practice operational delivery for regional parks, pest management and flood protection.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury strives to use best practice in its own work and the use of contractors in the carrying out of our roles and duties in parks, pest management and flood protection.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>

Portfolio: Setting the rules
Action: Non-support – no alternative suggested

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<p>Elizabeth Graydon</p>	<p>The Gelita factory in Woolston has repeatedly broken the law for many, many years. Nothing has actually worked and stopped the law-breaking; I doubt, whatever my submission is, you couldn't (or wouldn't) act on it.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. In setting the rules and policies we use the best available information to set limits and parameters for resource use. This information is also key to assessing resource consent applications.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury will continue to work with the Christchurch City Council, Gelita and the community on the issues and concerns with that site.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>

Portfolio: Setting the rules
Action: Non-support – suggested alternative

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Derek Baxter	I want Environment Canterbury to discontinue the current effluent compliance approach and adopt a zero tolerance policy, strictly punishing all non-compliance with severe fines and naming and shaming all perpetrators in the media. Strictly monitor all consented water-takes and punish non-compliance severely.	Thank you for your comments and suggested alternatives to our compliance approach. Environment Canterbury will continue to apply a prioritised approach to target our monitoring and compliance on higher risk activities. This prioritised approach will apply in urban and rural parts of the region and also engage with Canterbury Water Management Strategy zone committees. Where we need to we will take appropriate action, as this is what the community has told us they want us to do.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Ian and Cindy Harvey	Fines to stock companies large enough to deter lazy, irresponsible drivers from not properly emptying effluent tanks when able to do so. Continue to police errant dairy farmers who need to control run-off. Prosecute where necessary.	Environment Canterbury, the NZ Transport Agency and local councils will continue to work with industry and industry practices in the transportation of stock and issues caused by effluent. We will continue to work with the NZ Transport Agency and local councils in the ongoing management of roadside effluent disposal facilities. Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. Once the rules are set, the key to ensuring they are followed is initially through educating resource users and consent holders. However, over time, if this approach doesn't work, we are prepared to take action as we know taking action is what the community wants us to do.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Denys Hadfield	Open up the exit bank to the sea at Lake Forsyth. Clean up the Heathcote River (lower end). Clean up Lake Forsyth and Lake Ellesmere.	The opening of Lake Forsyth (Wairewa) is a Christchurch City Council responsibility; Environment Canterbury manages the opening of Lake Ellesmere (Waihora) under the co-governance agreement with Ngāi Tahu. Lake openings do close again as soon as the flow through the opening drops. Environment Canterbury will continue to fund biodiversity work in conjunction with landholders, communities and zone committees to ensure we get the best value out of the funds and resources we have. We will continue to work with community-based organisations where possible to deliver biodiversity outcomes at a local level. Environment Canterbury takes pollution of waterways, including these lakes and the Heathcote River, very seriously. Whenever we can obtain enough evidence to enable a successful prosecution, we do prosecute. Full restoration of the lakes and the Heathcote is a long-term job.	That these issues are noted with no change recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Steve	Dairy compliance has seemingly reached a plateau of 72% in recent	Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most	That the comments are noted

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McNeill	<p>years with little or no improvement overall.</p> <p>Provide increased staff resources and budget to deliver 98%+ dairy farm compliance. The current approach just does not work.</p>	<p>effective when the people they affect have input into them. Once the rules are set, the key to ensuring they are followed is initially through educating resource users and consent holders.</p> <p>We will continue to work with organisation and industry groups in the education of resource users, and with their support continue to improve compliance. However, over time, if this approach doesn't work, we are prepared to take action as we know taking action is what the community wants us to do.</p>	and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
John Skipper	<p>Environment Canterbury should demonstrate how it will improve the consenting process, by reducing costs, reducing timeframes and improving efficiency.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them, and will continue to work to ensure we support our new plans with an efficient and technically strong consents process.</p> <p>We are also focused on allowing for more individual and business responsibility in compliance through permitted activities.</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

Portfolio: Setting the rules
Action: Policy, performance, general comment

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Ms Kat McAra	<p>I am concerned that excavating by quarrying may affect our groundwater quality. Think long-term rather than letting pressure from quarrying companies lead to rushed decisions.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them, when considering long-term views and water quality, air quality and wider impacts. In setting the rules and policies we use the best available information to set limits and parameters for resource use. This information is also key to assessing resource consent applications.</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
William Nelson	<p>We already have regulations in place regarding the amount of water that can be taken by a consent holder, but no means of monitoring it. Enforce existing regulations.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. Once the rules are set, the key to ensuring they are followed is initially through educating resource users and consent holders. Water metering data is regularly supplied to Environment Canterbury to ensure that resource users comply with their consents and limits; if these are exceeded, action is taken, as this is what the community wants us to do.</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Suzan Blackstock	<p>To make contractors use riverbeds, remove gravel build-up rather than cheaper land excavation.</p>	<p>Managing our rivers is about flood protection and keeping communities and public and private property safe. Our flood protection role will be more strategically focused with the development of a new 30-Year Infrastructure Strategy. Environment Canterbury, as a whole, works with</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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		and where necessary issues consents to the contracting community in their use of gravel resources both in riverbeds and land extraction, and ensures that good practice is used in the extraction of gravel, including where and when it is removed.	
Lance Win	Be more active and pursue firms/individuals who do not comply with discharge rules in our environment.	Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. Once the rules are set, the key to ensuring they are followed is initially through educating resource users and consent holders. However, over time, if this approach doesn't work, we are prepared to take action as we know taking action is what the community wants us to do.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Stephen Ridder	Environment Canterbury has been trying to educate farmers and industry about the need to adhere to their resource consents. Unfortunately, something like 30% of farmers operate outside their water discharge permits and the improvement is non-existent. Take a harder line on those who breach the discharge consents.	Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. Once the rules are set, the key to ensuring they are followed is initially through educating resource users and consent holders. We will continue to work with organisation and industry groups in the education of resource users, and with their support continue to improve compliance. However, over time, if this approach doesn't work, we are prepared to take action as we know taking action is what the community wants us to do.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Sylvia Wilkinson	I wish to complain about the emissions from Ravensdown.	Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. In setting the rules and policies we use the best available information to set limits and parameters for resource use. This information is also key to assessing resource consent applications. Environment Canterbury will continue to work with the Christchurch City Council, Ravensdown and the community on the issues and concerns with that site.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Elaine Wadsworth	Stop charging like wounded bulls for permits and consents.	Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them and will continue to work to ensure it supports its new plans with an efficient and technically strong consents process. We are also focused on allowing for more individual and business responsibility in compliance through permitted activities.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mark	I would like to see action with some teeth on infringements of rules under the Resource Management Act to ensure compliance before it	Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. Once the	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long

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Tyrrell	<p>is too late for our waterways.</p> <p>Self-reporting of water quality samples is a farce. More officers/hydrologists need to be engaged to police water quality and use.</p>	<p>rules are set, the key to ensuring they are followed is initially through educating resource users and consent holders. However, over time, if this approach doesn't work, we are prepared to take action as we know taking action is what the community wants us to do.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury is working to engage more with communities, other agencies and industries on gathering information and data on the quality of the region's resources alongside our continued data gathering.</p>	Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Pat and Barry Brooker	Take strong action on those who infringe the rules.	<p>Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. Once the rules are set, the key to ensuring they are followed is initially through educating resource users and consent holders. However, over time, if this approach doesn't work, we are prepared to take action as we know taking action is what the community wants us to do.</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Fraser Ross	Promotion may have a place, but more is needed.	<p>Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. Once the rules are set, the key to ensuring they are followed is initially through educating resource users and consent holders. However, over time, if this approach doesn't work, we are prepared to take action as we know taking action is what the community wants us to do.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury recognises that, in some cases in the setting of new rules, consent reviews may be required. The use of Farm Environment Plans, in most cases, will apply in a wider context than consents will, and we will continue to work with industries and community groups in the development of Farm Environment Plans.</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Vicki Christoffersen	Compliance with resource consent conditions needs to be cracked down on. 'Policing' from the public, e.g. neighbours, is not acceptable, nor is the minimal consequence. There needs to be strict monitoring of conditions and severe penalties.	<p>Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. In setting the rules and policies we use the best available information to set limits and parameters for resource use. Once the rules are set, the key to ensuring they are followed is initially through educating resource users and consent holders. However, over time, if this approach doesn't work, we are prepared to take action as we know taking action is what the community wants us to do.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury will continue to prioritise its compliance focus on higher risk activities and take action if and when it is required.</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
William	Setting and monitoring rules is a waste of time unless you're prepared to enforce them. Toughen your approach to compliance. Don't just spend vast sums of ratepayers' money	<p>Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. In setting the rules and policies we use the best available information to set limits and</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is

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Stevens	preparing plans - actually make them work.	<p>parameters for resource use. Once the rules are set, the key to ensuring they are followed is initially through educating resource users and consent holders. However, over time, if this approach doesn't work, we are prepared to take action as we know taking action is what the community wants us to do.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury will continue to prioritise its compliance focus on higher risk activities and take action if and when it is required.</p>	recommended.
Ms Janet Begg	Please add 'no fracking regulations' to water, land and air management. Add some strong regulations to prohibit deep sea drilling off the coast of Canterbury.	Environment Canterbury will continue to work with our coastal communities and agencies in the development of national and local regulation in relation to water, land and air, and consider the impacts of new types of technologies used in the ongoing use of land and coastal resources.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Rachel Hurford, Forest and Bird, North Canterbury Branch	<p>We support most of the aims presented in the summary, particularly taking action on infringements and compliance. There is a need for restrictions in relation to vehicles on riverbeds.</p> <p>Education is vital, e.g. urban water users given sensible accessible information about the effect of their activities on storm water.</p>	<p>Thank you for your support on our policy and compliance approach.</p> <p>We will continue to work with local communities and agencies in the accessibility to the region's parks and riverbeds for all users, and apply restrictions with those agencies when and where needed or possible.</p> <p>We will continue to provide educational material and work with local authorities in improving the understanding of urban water users and communities' effects on water and water quality.</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Craig Benbow	<p>Make sure that consents for new enterprises that do not have a track record of environmental impact are more widely consulted on before any consent is granted.</p> <p>Streamlining processes and continually reviewing effectiveness and compliance needs to be a component of whatever is implemented.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. Once the rules are set, the key to ensuring they are followed is initially through educating resource users and consent holders. However, over time, if this approach doesn't work, we are prepared to take action as we know taking action is what the community wants us to do.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury will continue to follow its statutory responsibilities and best practices for its consenting processes and the required notifications.</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Laura Cranston	<p>Copper building materials can be toxic to aquatic life if exposed to the weather.</p> <p>I would like Environment Canterbury to discourage or set limits on the use of copper building materials.</p>	<p>Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. In setting the rules and policies we use the best available information to set limits and parameters for resource use.</p> <p>ECan will continue to work with industry, developers and councils in the management of storm water and contaminant sources to reduce impacts</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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		on water quality and aquatic life.	
Mr Frank Hill	In 2014 there was a 50% increase in major non-compliance by farmers in relation to their consents, yet there were no prosecutions. Breaches of consent conditions, especially where they impact on water quality, should be strictly enforced.	Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. Once the rules are set, the key to ensuring they are followed is initially through educating resource users and consent holders. We will continue to work with organisation and industry groups in the education of resource users, and with their support continue to improve compliance. However, over time, if this approach doesn't work, we will continue to take action as we know taking action is what the community wants us to do.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Sue Stubenvoll	A focus on collaboration, listening and moving towards greater personal responsibility is good. Educate before enforcing rules. Environment Canterbury needs to balance value (economic and/or natural) delivered by a brave few with the chatter of complainers.	Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. Once the rules are set, the key to ensuring they are followed is initially through educating resource users and consent holders. We will continue to work with organisation and industry groups in the education of resource users, and with their support continue to improve compliance. However, over time, if this approach doesn't work, we are prepared to take action as we know taking action is what the community wants us to do.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Hermann Frank	The goal should be to have all rivers back to swimmable water quality. Set clear standards and monitor/enforce them. Monitoring large irrigation and water storage schemes to ensure they stay within the limits set for water takes is supported, but processes for consents need to be more stringent and need to assess the effects on water quality and biodiversity values.	Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. In setting the rules and policies we use the best available information to set limits and parameters for resource use. This information is also key to assessing resource consent applications in relation to water quality and biodiversity.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

Portfolio: Setting the rules
Action: Support

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Janice Donaldson	Yes - have rules.	Thank you for your support. Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. Once the rules are set, the key to ensuring they are followed is initially through educating resource users and consent holders. However, over time, if this approach doesn't work, we are prepared to take action as we know taking action is what the community	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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		wants us to do.	
Mr A G Talbot	<p>I support most of the aims presented in the summary, particularly taking action on infringements and compliance.</p> <p>I support resources for the pollution hotline; however, I am not prepared to pay significantly more for this service.</p>	<p>Thank you for your support. Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. In setting the rules and policies we use the best available information to set limits and parameters for resource use. Once the rules are set, the key to ensuring they are followed is initially through educating resource users and consent holders. However, over time, if this approach doesn't work, we are prepared to take action as we know taking action is what the community wants us to do.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury will continue to prioritise its compliance focus on higher risk activities and take action if and when it is required.</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr Peter Townsend, Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce	We believe that, wherever possible, rules should be as simple and as clear as they can be. In that context, we agree that if people are breaking rules and are aware of that, then a firm stance must be taken. We also agree that education and well-informed information dissemination are equally important tools.	<p>Thank you for your support. Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. In setting the rules and policies we use the best available information to set limits and parameters for resource use. Once the rules are set, the key to ensuring they are followed is initially through educating resource users and consent holders. However, over time, if this approach doesn't work, we are prepared to take action as we know taking action is what the community wants us to do.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury will continue to prioritise its compliance focus on higher risk activities and take action if and when it is required.</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Michael Hide, Fonterra Co- operative Group Limited	<p>In the past five years Fonterra has invested significantly in supporting our farmers to improve their environmental performance. We have also successfully demonstrated an ability to work with ECan through the Canterbury Dairy Effluent Group. We would welcome the move to increased use of industry self-management, where there is a cost benefit to our shareholders to do so.</p> <p>We request that Environment Canterbury work with the industry in a collaborative manner to ensure that the planning process is undertaken in a pragmatic manner.</p>	<p>Thank you for your support. Environment Canterbury recognises that policies and rules are most effective when the people they affect have input into them. Once the rules are set, the key to ensuring they are followed is initially through educating resource users and consent holders.</p> <p>We will continue to work with organisations, industries and industry groups in the education of resource users, and with their support continue to improve compliance.</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Portfolio: Specific comment to note
Action: Policy, performance, general comment

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Lee Breahut	The District Plan is a minefield of repetition. The consent process needs more examples of what is expected in the level of detail required in a consent.	Your comments about providing further support, through examples, for interpreting the District Plan have been provided to the Council's consent and RMA planning teams.	This is not a matter for consideration in the Long Term Plan 2015-25 process and has been referred to the appropriate Council management for consideration against current practice.
Ken Gillespie	Your booklet is too long - make your next one briefer. Tell us what Environment Canterbury has accomplished since the appointment of the commissioners, not what you hope to accomplish. Tell in your next folder who is responsible for what in our environment - you, or the City Council, or the government, or whoever.	The Council has noted your views on our Consultation Document and accepts the challenge of finding ways to improve how we communicate with the community on our priorities and planned work. As it stands, the activities listed in this Document outline everything we are responsible for. A separate document called the 'Annual Report' outlines how the Council has performed against its formal plan.	That the comments are noted with no change required to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Hayley Powell	Why is ECan required to build a purpose-built facility? Rent and not build.	As the decision has already been taken, this is not a matter for this Long Term Plan process. However, the Council appreciates your interest and can assure you that this matter was carefully considered. In brief, it made more economic sense, reduced future uncertainty and risks, and aligned with earthquake rebuild goals.	That the question is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Action: Conditional support

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Mr Taz Mukorombindo, Canterbury Business Association	It would be good to see a more detailed and strategic transport plan for the city. Especially given that traffic has moved to Rangiora, Hornby and Selwyn due to people relocating here, a need to commute has arisen.	The Council has noted your comments regarding a strategic transport plan for the city. Environment Canterbury will continue to work with partner councils to ensure our plans and strategies are well aligned. The Long Term Plan includes funding to improve public transport services in the future to encourage more commuters from Selwyn and Waimakariri districts to use public transport.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Lee Breahut	Support community vehicles in smaller towns and public rail system in, out and around city. Support the ability of buses to 'kneel'. Wellington doesn't charge over 65s between 9.00am-3.00pm - fantastic strategy.	The Council notes your support for community vehicles in smaller towns. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows so no change is required to the Long Term Plan. All of the urban public buses in Canterbury are wheelchair accessible and can kneel on request. The Super Gold Card is a national scheme which provides free off-peak travel on public transport for over 65s, so this also applies in Christchurch.	That the conditional support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Rhonda Fearnley	I feel that the ECan government-appointed commissioners should travel by bus for at least a month. You want the general public to do it and the bus changes are ridiculous - it takes over an hour from Hillmorton to Merivale. At least the temporary bus exchange where the CBD used to be works - you got something right at last.	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport. The Metro network is well used by Environment Canterbury staff who plan the services, so no change is recommended to our Long Term Plan.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr Bruce Smith	Public transport from satellite towns is a must. Help develop light rail.	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport to satellite towns and the future use of light rail. Environment Canterbury and partner councils recently investigated short-term rail options for greater Christchurch and found it was not viable at this stage as the rail corridors do not serve current travel demands very well. Further investigations will be carried out with partners to evaluate long-term rail options for the future. In the meantime, the new bus network aims to encourage more people from satellite towns to use public transport. The proposed Long Term Plan includes funding to improve these services in the future so no change is required to the Plan.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Angela	Revisit the drastic changes to bus routes - I personally want the	The Council has noted that you do not support the recent bus	That the comments are noted

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Mole	Bishopdale-city route reinstated.	service changes. The network changes aimed to encourage more people to use public transport and reduce congestion. In March 2015 we recorded our highest patronage for a single month since the earthquakes with an increase of 4% compared to March 2014. We will continue to monitor these services closely to ensure this trend continues. Our Long Term Plan allows for further improvements to be made in the future so no change to the Plan is required.	and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Hannah Payne	I would like to see multiple major bus hubs, such as the one in central city (the main hub) and some scattered throughout. I think it would be worthwhile installing a train line, running from Rangiora to Christchurch, and promoting park and ride.	<p>The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partner councils recently investigated short-term rail options for greater Christchurch and found it was not viable at this stage as the rail corridors do not serve current travel demands very well. Further investigations will be carried out with partners to evaluate long-term rail options for the future.</p> <p>The Council also noted your comments regarding bus hubs and park and ride. Public transport infrastructure is provided by the local councils as road controlling authorities, so we suggest that you also raise these comments with them.</p>	That the conditional support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Ashley Reihana, Aunty Babysitters Club	A free bus day around Timaru, once a month, to get people to use and know the new bus routes in Timaru.	The Council received your suggestion regarding bus travel in Timaru. The proposed Long Term Plan includes some funding for marketing public transport so no change to the Plan is required. Your suggestion will be passed on to our marketing team to consider for future promotions.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Therese Spinks	I agree with the need for public transport to be made available to out of town suburbs, e.g. Rolleston. Bring back the bus service to the Christchurch prisons - Paparua Women's and Men's, and Rolleston. As most of the visits are Saturday and Sunday, maybe something could be set up for those days.	The Council appreciates your support for public transport for satellite towns such as Rolleston. The 820 service still provides access to Rolleston Prison. The previous bus service to the Paparua Men's and Women's prisons were aligned to visiting times but were discontinued due to low patronage.	That the conditional support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Adrienne Chin	Maintain current public transport routes, but for the low-use areas change to the small vans like, for example, # 535 Heathcote.	The Council has noted your comments regarding bus sizes. The new public transport network allows smaller vehicles to be used on suburban bus routes with lower patronage while large buses can be used on the frequent lines with higher passenger demand. As bus companies purchase new vehicles they can select different sized vehicles to suit different routes so these changes will be seen over time as the fleets are replaced. This is supported by the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 so no changes are required.	That the conditional support is noted and that no change to the draft Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Robert Urquhart	<p>I support increased availability and use of public transport. I hear many horror stories (and some good ones). I feel that a better use of funds than publicity programmes would be to pay more up front and contract bus service providers to improve the ride experience, maintain their fleet and train/discipline/look after their drivers.</p> <p>Anecdotally, I have friends who have found alternatives to public transport since the new routes came in.</p> <p>I strongly support the idea of light rail from the outlying regions.</p>	<p>The Council appreciates your support for increased public transport use. The Regional Public Transport Plan includes several policies to improve customer service across the system and the funding in the Long Term Plan will support the delivery of this. The network changes aimed to encourage more people to use public transport and reduce congestion. In March 2015 we recorded our highest patronage for a single month since the earthquakes with an increase of 4% compared to March 2014. We will continue to monitor these services closely to ensure this trend continues.</p> <p>The Council also noted your comments regarding public transport and future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows.</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Wayne McClintock	<p>I agree with the proposals to increase passenger numbers.</p> <p>My concern regards land transport solutions for the longer-term. There needs to be a strategic approach between ECan, Christchurch City Council, Waimakariri District Council, Selwyn District Council, KiwiRail and central government for the implementation of commuter rail services and the increased carriage of freight by rail. ECan should urge KiwiRail to retain the existing rail corridor.</p>	<p>The Council appreciates your support for increasing public transport patronage. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows so no change to the Long Term Plan is required.</p>	That the conditional support is noted and that no changes to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 are recommended.
Rosemary Neave	<p>Catch a bus - must be co-ordinated with Christchurch City Council and focused on biking as well.</p>	<p>The Council appreciates your support for public transport and the integration with cycling. All urban buses now have bike racks to encourage this integration. Environment Canterbury works closely with the Christchurch City Council and other local authorities to ensure public transport infrastructure improvements support the Metro services.</p>	That the support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Pat and Barry Brooker	<p>Increase Christchurch bus patronage. We support local rail from satellite towns where there are existing tracks.</p>	<p>The Council appreciates your support for increasing bus patronage. The Council noted your comments regarding the future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows.</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr A G	<p>I support the general aims in the summary section and the need to increase bus patronage.</p>	<p>The Council appreciates your support for public transport and the possible future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options</p>	That the support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is

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Talbot	<p>I support ECan investigating and supporting the development of a light rail link.</p> <p>ECan should support any moves by local authorities to encourage the development of cycling and active transport in urban areas.</p>	<p>for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows.</p> <p>The Council also noted your comments regarding cycling and active transport; Council continues to support local authorities in this area.</p>	recommended.
Hilary Iles	Yes to all the transport suggestions. Rail services to and from Christchurch could be targeted.	The Council appreciates your support for transport. The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mary McCammon	All ideas are good. Work towards boosting rail.	The Council appreciates your support for transport and the possible future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows.	That the support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Rachel Hurford, Forest and Bird, North Canterbury Branch	<p>We support the general aims in the summary section and the need to increase bus usage.</p> <p>We support the development of light rail links.</p> <p>ECan should also support any moves by local authorities to encourage the development of cycling and active transport in urban areas.</p>	The Council appreciates your support for public transport and noted your comments regarding rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows. Environment Canterbury will continue to support cycling and active transport initiatives by local authorities.	That the support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
John Skipper	The aims are laudable. The reality is the population density is far too low to make the service viable or sustainable.	The Council noted your comments regarding public transport. Funding in the Long Term Plan will allow us to further improve services to meet community needs and integrate with land use development to ensure public transport remains viable and sustainable in the future.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr Kim Kelleher, Lyttelton Port Company Limited	<p>As the region's major trade gateway, LPC is interested in the transport initiative within the Plan.</p> <p>LPC is primarily concerned with maintaining a fast and efficient route to port by protecting existing freight corridors. Brougham Street is a main route to port for a significant volume of cargo. Congestion of this road is expected to increase over the period of the Plan as freight volumes grow. LPC is currently forecasting growth in containerised cargo of</p>	The Council appreciates your support for the Regional Land Transport Plan and comments regarding public transport. The funding in the Long Term Plan will help improve bus services to reduce congestion and free up road space for freight.	That the conditional support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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	<p>around 60% over the next ten years.</p> <p>LPC recommends encouraging public transport usage in areas that will reduce the number of private vehicles on this road as a priority.</p> <p>LPC supports Environment Canterbury's focus on contributing to the development of new initiatives to meet challenging transport and freight patterns and needs. We acknowledge ECan is currently working on the draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-25, which is generally supportive of the challenges, objective and priorities stated in the draft Plan.</p>		
Mr Lionel Hume, Federated Farmers Combined Canterbury Branch	<p>That this area of activity continues to be funded largely from targeted rates, grants and user pays.</p> <p>That Council amends the rating basis for supporting rural bus services to Rolleston, Lincoln, Kaiapoi and Rangiora from a capital value basis to a fixed targeted rate.</p> <p>That Council advocates to central government for an increase in the financial assistance rate to 90%.</p>	The Council appreciates your support for the public transport rating changes in Waimakariri and Selwyn districts. Environment Canterbury will continue to advocate for increased central government funding to support transport in the region.	That the conditional support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr Peter Townsend, Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce	We caution ECan that there will always be a balance between efficient public transport and the need to service private motorists. We are concerned, in particular, that in our central city an appropriate balance is achieved between the provision of good public transport and adequate provision of infrastructure for private motor vehicles for people working in or visiting the city.	The Council has noted your comments regarding balancing the needs of public transport and private motorists. We are working with our partners to deliver the central city transport plan, 'An Accessible City', which includes a more balanced and sustainable transport network for the central city. This will provide the community with a range of travel choices to access the central city, including public transport and private vehicles, to support the rebuild and help reduce congestion in the future.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

Portfolio: Transport
Action: Non-support – no alternative suggested

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Bruce Bellis	It is swimming against the time for ECan to go on spending money, trying to get people out of cars and into buses. It will not work and it will not happen. Car use is a way of life for most of the population.	The Council has noted that you do not support public transport investment. Public transport plays a critical role in reducing congestion to ensure people and goods can move around our region and to provide accessibility for the whole community,	That the non-support is noted and that no change to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is

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		including those who do not have access to a car. We are working with our partners to encourage more people to use public transport in the future as travel demand grows, to limit congestion and support the growth of our economy and the recovery of greater Christchurch. This is reflected in our Long Term Plan.	recommended.
Vivienne Allan	<p>Buses on the hills are slow and clumsy for the terrain. They are too big. People don't like them and therefore won't use them. Christchurch must be the only city in the world where there are numerous bus companies operating and providing an unwanted service in many areas. The fact is that there is no CBD, so providing a bus service that filters people to and from the inner city doesn't make any sense at all.</p> <p>Review the service (again). Provide an attractive service - if Queenstown can operate smaller buses then so can Christchurch.</p> <p>Be realistic about the service. It doesn't serve older people who live in hill suburbs.</p> <p>Public transport needs to be aligned with suburban development. It isn't, and besides, there is no housing strategy for greater Christchurch so it doesn't make sense to provide a bus service without canvassing population needs.</p>	<p>The Council has noted your comments regarding the recent bus service changes. The network changes aimed to encourage more people to use public transport and reduce congestion. In March 2015 we recorded our highest patronage for a single month since the earthquakes with an increase of 4% compared to March 2014. We will continue to monitor these services closely to ensure this trend continues.</p> <p>The new public transport network also allows smaller vehicles to be used on suburban bus routes, including some hill suburbs, while large buses can be used on the frequent lines with higher passenger demand. As bus companies purchase new vehicles they can select different sized vehicles to suit different routes, so these changes will be seen over time as the fleets are replaced. This is supported by the proposed Long Term Plan so no changes are required.</p> <p>The Urban Development Strategy and Land Use Recovery Plan set out where residential and commercial development will occur in greater Christchurch, so this is outside the scope of our Long Term Plan. The public transport network is designed to support that. In addition, extensive public consultation is carried out before any bus service changes are made to ensure they meet community needs.</p>	That the comments are noted and that no changes to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 are recommended.
Brian Lilburn	I don't agree that public transport should be expanded outside the inner city boundary. Christchurch should become a higher-density city. People should be encouraged to reside in apartment blocks.	The Council noted your comments regarding public transport outside Christchurch city. The Urban Development Strategy and Land Use Recovery Plan set the development plans for greater Christchurch and include some areas of denser development but also residential growth in Selwyn and Waimakariri districts. The transport network needs to support this signalled growth to encourage commuters to use sustainable transport modes and reduce congestion. The funding in the Long Term Plan supports this.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Michael Brathwaite	The plan to get more people to use buses is misguided. Stop wasting ratepayers' money trying to get people to do things they don't want to do.	The Council has noted that you do not support public transport investment. Public transport plays a critical role in reducing congestion to ensure people and goods can move around our region and to provide accessibility for the whole community,	That the non-support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan

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		including those who do not have access to a car. We are working with our partners to encourage more people to use public transport in the future as travel demand grows, to limit congestion and support the growth of our economy and the recovery of greater Christchurch. This is reflected in our Long Term Plan.	2015-25.
Deborah Minchington	Changes to bus routes are being made more frequently than necessary. Buses need massive upgrading and a number of drivers need better training	The Council noted your comments regarding public transport. Bus routes need to be reviewed regularly to ensure they meet the demands of the community. This has occurred more regularly since the earthquakes due to ongoing changes in travel patterns. The bus fleet is continuously improving and all vehicles must meet the standards in the Regional Public Transport Plan 2014. Driver training and performance is also required to meet the standards of this Plan. If you experience any issue with a specific bus or driver, please contact Metroinfo on 366 88 55 or www.metroinfo.co.nz so it can be resolved.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Faye Thompson	Public rail should be established from Rolleston to Christchurch, and Rangiora to Christchurch. I am not convinced the hub model for buses works. Waiting 15 minutes for a second bus on a cold, windy footpath doesn't encourage anyone to use a bus and, for the elderly, getting on and off the buses is a big issue.	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows along key corridors. This does mean that more people need to transfer to reach their destination, but this will become easier as frequencies improve. The Long Term Plan includes funding for further improvements to services across the network.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan is recommended.
Mr Barry Jones	Encourage people to take the bus - costing an additional \$3m? If the service is convenient, practical and financially viable, people will use it. Why do you need an extra \$3m to find that out? Local government should be in charge of transport, not Environment Canterbury.	The Council noted that you do not support any additional funding for public transport. The funding will be used to provide further improvements to the Metro network to ensure it meets community needs and provides a convenient and attractive alternative to car travel. These improvements will help to encourage more people to use public transport and reduce congestion to keep the city moving so the economy can grow.	That the non-support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Vivien Bishop	I don't think spending more on encouraging bus patronage over the next ten years will work. Public transport at the moment does not get passengers where they need to go.	The Council has noted that you do not support public transport investment or the current bus services. Public transport plays a critical role in reducing congestion to ensure people and goods can move around our region and to provide accessibility for the whole community, including those who do not have access to a car. We are working with our partners to encourage more people to use public transport in the future as travel demand grows, to limit congestion and support the growth of our economy and the recovery of greater Christchurch.	That the non-support is noted and no change to the proposed Long Term Plan is required.

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		<p>The new network introduced in December 2014 aims to encourage more people to use public transport and reduce congestion. In March 2015 we recorded our highest patronage for a single month since the earthquakes with an increase of 4% compared to March 2014. We will continue to monitor these services closely to ensure this trend continues and the services meet community needs.</p> <p>If you have a specific issue with a bus route or area, please contact Metroinfo on 366 88 55 or www.metroinfo.co.nz to discuss these further. Our Long Term Plan allows for further improvements to be made in the future so no change to the Plan is required.</p>	
Anne Parsons	Increasing the use of public transport won't happen when a bus route is cancelled, causing the need to take two buses.	<p>The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport. The network changes aimed to encourage more people to use public transport and reduce congestion. In March 2015 we recorded our highest patronage for a single month since the earthquakes with an increase of 4% compared to March 2014. We will continue to monitor these services closely to ensure this trend continues.</p> <p>If you have a specific concern about bus routes to a particular area, please contact Metroinfo on 366 88 55 or www.metroinfo.co.nz to discuss these issues in more detail.</p> <p>Our Long Term Plan allows for further improvements to be made in the future so no change to the Plan is required.</p>	That the non-support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Sarah Faulkner	<p>I believe that the ability to bring back Christchurch's public transport passenger numbers to pre-earthquake levels is a big ask.</p> <p>The submitter lists a range of reasons why bus patronage will not rise significantly.</p>	The Council has noted that you do not support the objective of increasing public transport usage. Public transport plays a critical role in reducing congestion to ensure people and goods can move around our region and to provide accessibility for the whole community, including those who do not have access to a car. We are working with our partners to encourage more people to use public transport in the future as travel demand grows, to limit congestion and support the growth of our economy and the recovery of greater Christchurch. This is reflected in our Long Term Plan.	That the non-support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
R J Collins	The submitter is not supportive of how the public transport service has been planned for and managed.	The Council has noted that you do not support the planning and management of public transport. This is currently set out in the Land Transport Management Act 2003. The key organisations associated with public transport in greater Christchurch are currently engaged in discussions around how to further improve the	That the non-support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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		delivery of public transport for the community. Their work will continue to identify areas for further alignment and improvement. Any recommendations for changes are beyond the scope of our Long Term Plan, and as a result, no immediate change is required to our Plan.	
Peter Lamsdale	Not enough access to urban public transport in available routes and frequency of service.	The Council notes your comments regarding public transport. The new bus network introduced in December 2014 aims to improve bus routes and frequencies in greater Christchurch. If you have a specific issue about a particular bus route or area, please contact Metroinfo on 366 88 55 or www.metroinfo.co.nz to discuss this in more detail.	That the non-support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Keith Thorpe	Being a car user and driving to work, I require a further explanation as to your plans to encourage me to stop driving and get the bus, and the benefits to me. Supply greater details as to what your plans are to encourage people out of cars.	The Council has noted your public transport comments. Public transport plays a critical role in reducing congestion to ensure people and goods can move around our region and to provide accessibility for the whole community, including those who do not have access to a car. We are working with our partners to encourage more people to use public transport in the future as travel demand grows, to limit congestion and support the growth of our economy and the recovery of greater Christchurch. There is also funding for marketing and information to ensure the community is aware of the service available. This is reflected in our Long Term Plan.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan is recommended.
Russell Kent	It is crucial that ECan takes an immediate and more flexible approach to providing an integrated public transport system that does not rely on buses alone. This would include immediate and serious consideration of the use of heavy and light rail systems, integrated with additional flexible road-based solutions. Urgently investigate the use of the current heavy rail system from Rangiora to Rolleston, integrated with road transport in the form of buses, mini buses and hire bikes from stations or hubs en-route. Investigate the installation of a light rail system running from west to east and north to south through the city and CBD and integrated with	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and the future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partner councils recently investigated short-term rail options for greater Christchurch and found it was not viable at this stage as the rail corridors do not serve current travel demands very well. For example, many Waimakariri residents work at the airport or Hornby which are not on the rail line and bus connections would be difficult. Further investigations will be carried out with partners to evaluate long-term rail options for the future. The Council has also noted your comments on the impact of residential subdivisions on public transport, which is outside the scope of the Long Term Plan. We already work closely with local	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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	<p>road public transport hubs.</p> <p>Investigate the ECan policy on applications for new housing subdivisions and their impact on existing roading and public transport infrastructure and public transport needs.</p>	<p>authorities to assess subdivision applications to ensure public transport can be accommodated. This has improved in recent years and can be seen in new developments in the south west where public transport is included at an early stage.</p>	
<p>Robert Curd</p>	<p>With more than 80% of people using cars it is nonsense to ignore their practicality for travel in Canterbury. Stop wasting money trying to get more people on buses. Remove bus lanes to improve traffic flow. Improve parking around schools to protect our children from the dangers caused by their parents' vehicles. Encourage the use of electric cars by providing charging stations in the central city.</p>	<p>The Council has noted that you do not support public transport investment. Public transport plays a critical role in reducing congestion to ensure people and goods can move around our region and to provide accessibility for the whole community, including those who do not have access to a car. We are working with our partners to encourage more people to use public transport in the future as travel demand grows, to limit congestion and support the growth of our economy and the recovery of greater Christchurch. This is reflected in our Long Term Plan.</p>	<p>That the non-support is noted and no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
<p>Adrian Schori</p>	<p>In the plan for public transport all I can see is getting more people on the bus, while there is an under-utilised rail corridor Rangiora/Christchurch/Rolleston. Set up commuting trains between Rangiora, Christchurch and Rolleston, and provide park and ride facilities.</p>	<p>The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and the future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. We will also work with local authorities to provide park and ride facilities for commuters. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows. The Long Term Plan includes funding to continue to improve these services.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
<p>Andrew Buglass</p>	<p>Ease of travel on buses has worsened since the last lot of changes.</p> <p>Utilise public feedback over recent changes that haven't worked well and make corrections where appropriate.</p>	<p>The Council has noted that you do not support the recent bus service changes. The network changes aimed to encourage more people to use public transport and reduce congestion. In March 2015 we recorded our highest patronage for a single month since the earthquakes with an increase of 4% compared to March 2014. We will continue to monitor these services and public feedback to ensure this trend continues. If you have a specific concern about bus routes to a particular area, please contact Metroinfo on 366 88 55 or www.metroinfo.co.nz to discuss these issues in more detail. Our Long Term Plan allows for further improvements to be made in the future so no change to the Plan is required.</p>	<p>That the non-support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
<p>Kim Parrent</p>	<p>Since the new bus services were introduced in December 2014, those living in the New Brighton suburbs have had their services cut. Many people no longer use public transport. The service is inefficient and poorly run. I have more stress now due to the changes made to the bus services than I did during and immediately after the earthquakes.</p>	<p>The Council has noted that you do not support the recent bus service changes in New Brighton. Your comments regarding a service to the University of Canterbury will be referred to our Operations team to consider. The network changes aimed to encourage more people to use public transport and reduce congestion. In March 2015 we recorded our highest patronage for a</p>	<p>That the non-support is noted and no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>

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	I should like to see reinstatement of the MetroStar service or at least the creation of a more effective way for those living in New Brighton to travel out to the University of Canterbury.	single month since the earthquakes with an increase of 4% compared to March 2014. We will continue to monitor these services closely to ensure this trend continues. Our Long Term Plan allows for further improvements to be made in the future so no change to the Plan is required.	
Andrew Wallace	We are very disappointed at the lack of bus services in Halswell. We would love the Halswell bus routes to be reviewed. Maybe reinstate the bus service to go down Sparks Road to get a better flow, as opposed to Halswell. There needs to be a better bus service, especially with the growing population in Halswell and major traffic issues.	The Council has noted that you do not support the bus route changes in Halswell. These operational issues will be referred to the Operations team for consideration. The Long Term Plan includes funding for improved public transport services in the future.	That the non-support is noted and no change to the proposed Long Term Plan is recommended.
D M Purser	Look at the possibility of replacing the big buses with a fleet of much smaller vehicles, especially at off-peak times.	The Council has noted your comments regarding bus sizes. The new public transport network allows smaller vehicles to be used on suburban bus routes while large buses can be used on the frequent lines with higher passenger demand. As bus companies purchase new vehicles they can select different sized vehicles to suit different routes so these changes will be seen over time as the fleets are replaced. This is supported by the proposed Long Term Plan so no changes are required.	That the suggestion is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Laurina Driscoll	Sort this system out. Ninety-five per cent of people are unhappy about the new system. Have appropriate shelters and timetables at busy stops. This is not a people-friendly system.	The Council has noted that you do not support the recent bus service changes. The network changes aimed to encourage more people to use public transport and reduce congestion. In March 2015 we recorded our highest patronage for a single month since the earthquakes with an increase of 4% compared to March 2014. We will continue to monitor these services closely to ensure this trend continues. If you have a specific concern about bus routes to a particular area, please contact Metroinfo on 366 88 55 or www.metroinfo.co.nz to discuss these issues in more detail. Our Long Term Plan allows for further improvements to be made in the future so no change to the Plan is required. Bus shelters are outside Environment Canterbury's responsibility so we suggest that you raise any concerns with your local council.	That the non-support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan is recommended.
Andrew McKay	Public transport should not be subsidised.	The Council has noted that you do not support public transport investment. Public transport plays a critical role in reducing congestion to ensure people and goods can move around our region and to provide accessibility for the whole community, including those who do not have access to a car. We are working	That the non-support is noted and no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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		with our partners to encourage more people to use public transport in the future as travel demand grows, to limit congestion and support the growth of our economy and the recovery of greater Christchurch. This is reflected in our Long Term Plan.	
Beverley Clarke	Reinstate bus number 115 through the middle of Beckenham.	The Council has noted your comments regarding the 115 Beckenham bus route. This service was discontinued due to low patronage and proximity to the more frequent Blue Line and Orbiter services.	That the non-support is noted and that no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
John Sheppard	The new Christchurch bus routes are a disaster. I now use a car. I cannot support more costs for the Christchurch transport system. Unless transport times can be greatly reduced the whole mess of bus routes needs to be revisited.	<p>The Council has noted that you do not support the recent bus service changes. The network changes aimed to encourage more people to use public transport and reduce congestion. In March 2015 we recorded our highest patronage for a single month since the earthquakes with an increase of 4% compared to March 2014. We will continue to monitor these services closely to ensure this trend continues.</p> <p>If you have a specific concern about bus routes to a particular area, please contact Metroinfo on 366 88 55 or www.metroinfo.co.nz to discuss these issues in more detail. Our Long Term Plan allows for further improvements to be made in the future so no change to the Plan is required.</p>	That the non-support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Sue Bagshaw	The biggest pollutant is vehicle emissions. Electric light rail is clearly a solution; this needs to be put in place from Amberley to Ashburton. Buses are not the answer.	The Council has noted your comments regarding transport emissions and the future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partner councils recently investigated short-term rail options for greater Christchurch and found it was not viable at this stage as the rail corridors do not serve current travel demands very well. Further investigations will be carried out with partners to evaluate long-term rail options for the future.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Debbie Bell	I have been using the bus for five weeks now and am very close to going back to driving to work because of old, noisy, rattly buses, and overcrowding at peak times. Buses are normally 80% school children, 20% other passengers.	The Council noted your comments regarding public transport. The funding in the Long Term Plan aims to improve public transport to encourage greater patronage. If you have specific operational concerns about a particular bus route, please contact Metroinfo on 366 88 55 or www.metroinfo.co.nz to discuss these in more detail so we can resolve these issues.	That the non-support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Marilyn Wells	The idea of spending money to increase bus ridership is presently an old-fashioned programme.	The Council has noted that you do not support public transport investment. Public transport plays a critical role in reducing congestion to ensure people and goods can move around our region and to provide accessibility for the whole community,	That the non-support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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		including those who do not have access to a car. We are working with our partners to encourage more people to use public transport in the future as travel demand grows, to limit congestion and support the growth of our economy and the recovery of greater Christchurch. This is reflected in our Long Term Plan.	
Barbara Whittle	If you want to encourage more bus patronage you need to make the journey quicker and more convenient. The new system does the opposite.	The Council has noted that you do not support the recent bus service changes. The network changes aimed to encourage more people to use public transport and reduce congestion by providing frequent, direct services along key corridors into the city. We are working with the territorial authorities to provide bus priority measures to make these services faster and more convenient to attract more passengers. Local services provide coverage to suburban areas and connect to frequent services. This requires some passengers to transfer between services and frequencies will continue to improve to make these connections more convenient. In March 2015 we recorded our highest patronage for a single month since the earthquakes with an increase of 4% compared to March 2014. We will continue to monitor these services closely to ensure this trend continues. Our Long Term Plan allows for further improvements to be made in the future so no change to the Plan is required.	That the non-support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Zefanja Potgieter	<p>The consultation document is inexcusably silent on advancing the needs of mobility-impaired users in using public transport.</p> <p>Initiate a review of the suitability of the accessible public transport service.</p>	The Council noted your comments regarding the accessibility of public transport. The Canterbury Regional Public Transport Plan 2014 sets out the policies to ensure public transport is accessible to all users. Policy 3.2 states that all buses used on scheduled services must be wheelchair accessible and this is reflected in the current fleet. The Council also recognises that public transport infrastructure, such as bus stops, must also be accessible, so we are working with the local authorities who are responsible for this to audit the existing bus stops in greater Christchurch. This information will be used by those territorial authorities to review the existing bus stop guidelines to further improve accessibility. This work is outside of the scope of the Long Term Plan.	That the non-support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Leo Dolan	Before undertaking a marketing approach, greater emphasis should be placed on achieving stated Policy 3.4 "Ensure high standards of reliability and punctuality".	The Council noted your comments regarding public transport reliability. Environment Canterbury is working with the Christchurch City Council to encourage the provision of bus priority measures to enable bus services to run on time, especially at peak times, to achieve the policy in the Regional Public Transport Plan. This is the responsibility of the City Council, as the road controlling authority, so we also suggest that you raise this issue with them.	That the non-support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Mike Gilbert	<p>Having lived in the UK I have seen the failure of 'encouraging people to take the bus'. The only things that really work are subsidised (or free) fares and frequent, reliable service. The attraction of the car is a comfortable seat, climate control, no close proximity of others and entertainment to please yourself.</p> <p>The economic growth north of Christchurch is demonstrably huge. Big growth needs big ideas. It is a major travesty that the northern rail link is not used. ECan should be in the frontline to change this.</p>	<p>The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and the future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partner councils recently investigated short-term rail options for greater Christchurch and found it was not viable at this stage as the rail corridors do not serve current travel demands very well. For example, a large proportion of Waimakariri residents work around the airport which is not served by the existing railway line. Further investigations will be carried out with partners to evaluate long-term rail options for the future.</p>	<p>That the non-support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Sue Stubenvoll	<p>No, don't promote this. The money is better spent on improving service delivery.</p>	<p>The Council has noted that you do not support public transport investment. Public transport plays a critical role in reducing congestion to ensure people and goods can move around our region and to provide accessibility for the whole community, including those who do not have access to a car. We are working with our partners to encourage more people to use public transport in the future as travel demand grows, to limit congestion and support the growth of our economy and the recovery of greater Christchurch. This is reflected in our Long Term Plan.</p>	<p>That the non-support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>

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Action: Policy, performance, general comment

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Ms Noelene Sanderson	<p>Rail transport, please, for Kirwee and Darfield. Or, at least, bus transport! Kirwee has neither.</p>	<p>The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and the future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows.</p> <p>There are currently no publicly funded bus services to Kirwee, but Red Bus provides a commercial commuter service to Darfield via Kirwee on weekdays. You can find more information about that service on their website www.redbus.co.nz.</p> <p>Policy 1.9 in the Regional Public Transport Plan 2014 sets out the process for introducing new public bus services to other areas. A public bus service would require residents to contribute through their rates, so the request would need to come through a local community board or residents group indicating that Kirwee residents would be willing to contribute. Environment Canterbury could then investigate whether a new bus service would be viable.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no changes to the draft Long Term Plan 2015-25 are recommended.</p>

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		We suggest that you raise this issue with your local community board or residents group to discuss further.	
Jenny Hurley	I would like to see a bus service between Woodend and Rangiora, along Rangiora/Woodend Roads. I would like Environment Canterbury to review the current route and gauge demand for a service via Rangiora/Woodend Roads.	The Council noted your comments regarding bus services to Woodend. The former bus service along that route was discontinued due to low patronage. The Long Term Plan includes funding for improved Waimakariri bus services in 2015-16 and the public will be consulted on detailed options later this year. We encourage you to raise this issue during that process.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan is recommended.
Derek Bunn	I am hoping that you plan to resume all bus services that were cancelled because of the damage to the Dallington bridge, plus my main bus service - town to New Brighton. Resume bus services that were running previous to the quakes as soon as possible.	The Council noted your comments regarding public transport. The Orbiter service will be reviewed when the Dallington bridge is complete so it can return to its previous route. Services to New Brighton were reviewed in 2014 and the new network is now in place. Further changes can occur as development changes, but the earthquakes have altered the level of passenger demand in the east so public transport services are unlikely to return to pre-quake routes. The Long Term Plan includes funding for continuous service improvements so no change to the Plan is required.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan is recommended.
Roelant Hofmans	I'd get on a bike if I felt safe. More bicycles would reduce congestion on our roads.	The Council received your comments regarding cycling. The local territorial authorities are responsible for providing improved cycle infrastructure to improve safety and encourage more people to cycle, such as the proposed Christchurch City Council major cycleways. We suggest that you raise this issue with them for consideration.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mark Battersby	<p>I would suggest serious consideration of a pilot railbus system from Rangiora to Christchurch using the existing track. It needs careful planning but does not require the sort of sums often bandied about by opponents.</p> <p>Do an outline cost of a basic 'railbus' system. Cost the rail vehicles themselves as an initial purchase, ongoing maintenance and operating cost. Cost the 'railbus stops' as a one-off plus maintenance cost.</p>	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partner councils recently investigated short-term rail options for greater Christchurch and found it was not viable at this stage as the rail corridors do not serve current travel demands very well and initial costs would still be substantial. Further investigations will be carried out with partners to evaluate long-term rail options for the future.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Frank Dohmen	<p>Christchurch needs a plan for integrated public transport - use the existing rail network to its advantage and consider other modes like trams or light rail.</p> <p>Please provide a plan for integrated transport which includes commuter rail for North Canterbury, Rolleston and Darfield.</p>	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and the future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Nancy Vance	<p>With the communities on the south side of Lyttelton Harbour growing (Diamond Harbour, Church Bay, Charteris Bay and Purau), it is critical that public transport is as accessible and efficient as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Efficient connections between ferry and bus (on time and logical). - Ensure a maximum 400m walk from Lyttelton ferry wharf to central London Street, Lyttelton. 	<p>The Council noted your comments on the operational public transport issues. These are outside the scope of the Long Term Plan, but will be passed on to the Operations team to ensure connections and access are supported.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no changes to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 are recommended.</p>
Claire Coveney	<p>Reduce the number of cars and buses in the inner city.</p> <p>Introduce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - light rail from Rangiora and Rolleston - smaller, less polluting buses - to use off-peak - keep inner city car- and bus-free. 	<p>The Council noted your comments regarding transport in the central city. Environment Canterbury is working closely with partners to deliver 'An Accessible City', the transport chapter of the Christchurch recovery plan. This aims to reduce the number of vehicles in the central city. The new bus network delivered in December 2014 also supports this plan with fewer bus routes travelling through the city. The new public transport network allows smaller vehicles to be used on suburban bus routes while large buses can be used on the frequent lines with higher passenger demand. As bus companies purchase new vehicles they can select different sized vehicles to suit different routes so these changes will be seen over time as the fleets are replaced.</p> <p>The Council has noted your comments regarding the future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
M Yurjevich	<p>Transport needs more intensive urban design.</p>	<p>The Council noted your comments regarding transport and urban design. Environment Canterbury is working with local councils to deliver the Urban Development Strategy and Land Use Recovery Plan and ensure transport is supported by higher density developments.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.</p>
Judy Shaskey	<p>Look more closely at the bus changes. Bring back how it used to be as Prestons Road is a growing area.</p>	<p>The Council has noted your comment regarding public transport. The service changes are closely monitored and are currently performing well. When the roads through Prestons are complete, bus services may be rerouted to provide better coverage through this area. The proposed Long Term Plan includes funding for ongoing improvements to bus services so no change is required to the Plan.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is required.</p>
Carol	<p>Huge buses drive around, often empty. Why not use smaller, efficient</p>	<p>The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport.</p>	<p>That the comments are noted</p>

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Eggleston	total mobility buses, with more at peak times? We are asked what we see as the biggest challenge in shifting people and goods, yet return of rail on lines already there was dismissed.	<p>Environment Canterbury and partner councils recently investigated short-term rail options for greater Christchurch and found it was not viable at this stage as the rail corridors do not serve current travel demands very well. Further investigations will be carried out with partners to evaluate long-term rail options for the future.</p> <p>The Council also noted your comments regarding bus sizes. The new public transport network allows smaller vehicles to be used on suburban bus routes while larger buses can be used on the frequent lines with higher passenger demand. As bus companies purchase new vehicles they can select different sized vehicles to suit different routes so these changes will be seen over time as the fleets are replaced. This is supported by the proposed Long Term Plan so no changes are required.</p>	and that no changes to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Judy Beatson	The decision made against passenger rail transport seems to have been made swiftly. With an open mind, please review this decision. Buses should link from the rail service across the city. Encourage transport of goods by rail and aim to reduce the use of trucking.	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and the future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partner councils recently investigated short-term rail options for greater Christchurch and found it was not viable at this stage as the rail corridors do not serve current travel demands very well. Further investigations will be carried out with partners to evaluate long-term rail options for the future for public transport and freight.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan is recommended.
Thelma Tima Tane	Christchurch needs to improve on the placement of bus stops and charging less for bus fares.	<p>The Council has noted your comments on public transport. Policies for setting bus fares sit in the Canterbury Regional Public Transport Plan 2014. There is a national target to ensure that fares cover half the cost of running public transport services. Our regional policies try to achieve that while ensuring fares are affordable for the community. The Metrocard offers discounts to all passengers to achieve this.</p> <p>The Council also noted your comments regarding bus stops but these are not related to Environment Canterbury's responsibilities. Bus stops are provided by your local council as the road controlling authority, so we suggest that you raise any specific issues with them.</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
AW and PA Tritt	Make better use of the existing rail system; have a long-term plan for passenger rail to be part of the transport system.	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is required.

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Roy Crosbie	Fine motorists for not letting the bus go first.	The Council noted your comment regarding motorists giving way to buses. This is outside the scope of the Long Term Plan, but it is currently being considered at a national level by the New Zealand Transport Agency. Environment Canterbury is supporting that work to change the law in favour of buses.	That the comment is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
John Douglas	Prior to the earthquakes my wife and I used the Mt Pleasant bus service regularly, which went to the bus exchange and then on to the hospital. It has been altered to our detriment. We would like to see some bus timing that allows us to be able to have a shorter waiting time between buses.	The Council noted your comments regarding the Mt Pleasant bus service. These will be referred to the Operations team to consider. The Long Term Plan includes funding to make further improvements to services in the future.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Paul Allison	A bus (or train) a day from Amberley to connect with an airport bus.	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Bill Newsom	We have no bus lanes coming into Christchurch from the north, but we do have a railway network. Put the railway station back in Moorhouse Avenue.	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Ross Weir	A commuter rail link is needed to cope with growth. I want Environment Canterbury to plan for a commuter loop railway.	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and the future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is required.
Peter and Belinda Nicholson	Find a better surface (not dusty) for rural roads.	The Council received your submission on the Long Term Plan regarding rural roads, but noted that your concerns are not related to Environment Canterbury's responsibilities. We suggest that you raise this matter with your local council who is the road controlling authority responsible for rural roads.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Jan Webster, Bowenvale and Cashmere	My husband and I are both over 80 years of age and the loss of the bus service means we must walk over a mile. Restore the Bowenvale bus service.	The Council has noted your comment regarding the Bowenvale bus service. This route was discontinued due to low patronage and proximity to the frequent Orbiter service. The Total Mobility scheme offers half price taxi fares to residents who have difficulty accessing the nearest bus service. The Long Term Plan includes continued	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Residents Association		funding for this scheme so no changes are required to the Plan.	
Kathleen Shaw	The bus service is good but there are some things that could make it better for senior citizens.	The Council appreciates your support of public transport. If you have any specific suggestions regarding senior citizens, please contact Metroinfo on 366 88 55 or www.metroinfo.co.nz to discuss these further.	That the support is noted and no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Peter Scholes	I believe ECan has missed the bus with its public transport strategy and key changes I believe are needed.	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport. If you have any specific comments or proposals, we encourage you to contact Metroinfo on 366 88 55 or www.metroinfo.co.nz to discuss these further.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
William Phillips	Provide more frequent services, using smaller buses. The option of rail transport is not worth considering.	<p>The Council noted your comments on public transport. The new network includes five frequent lines which operate every ten minutes at peak times. The Long Term Plan includes funding for continued improvements to public transport services and frequencies.</p> <p>The new public transport network also allows smaller vehicles to be used on suburban bus routes while large buses can be used on the frequent lines with higher passenger demand. As bus companies purchase new vehicles they can select different sized vehicles to suit different routes so these changes will be seen over time as the fleets are replaced. This is supported by the proposed Long Term Plan so no changes are required.</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Brad Williamson	<p>One of ECan's goals is to 'increase the use of public transport'. This is commendable; however, I have a problem with the strategy to support 'a behaviour change programme'. The commissioners should ask themselves ... would they honestly use a bus service to get to work? If they wouldn't, why would they believe anyone else would?</p> <p>Buses generally don't work that well in New Zealand; ECan should look more seriously at public rail. The growth in this area has been fast and will only continue. Relying on cars and buses will require huge increases in motorway spending. There is already a railway infrastructure - I think some targeted rail transport is the best solution for our long-term transport network.</p>	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and the future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partner councils recently investigated short-term rail options for greater Christchurch and found it was not viable at this stage as the rail corridors do not serve current travel demands very well. For example, many Waimakariri commuters work around the airport which is not served by the existing railway line. Further investigations will be carried out with partners to evaluate long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows. Funding is included in the Long Term Plan to allow for continuous service improvements to occur to attract more passengers.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Keith	There is no indication of how the money would be spent on trying to meet your proposal. Some stability in the bus routes could be helpful.	The Council noted your comments on public transport. Regular reviews of bus services are required to ensure that they meet the changing travel demands of the community. Following the	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan

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Palmer		earthquakes, more frequent changes have been required to respond to the substantial ongoing changes in travel patterns as people and businesses have moved around the city. The new network introduced in December 2014 is now becoming established with positive results, and there are no major reviews planned for some time.	2015-25 is recommended.
Robert Cook	We desperately need light rail. Plan well ahead and leave sufficient room for light rail corridors.	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and the future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows.	That the comments are noted and no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Vivien Bishop	Rail transport is needed between North Canterbury and Christchurch.	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and the future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partner councils recently investigated short-term rail options for Waimakariri and found it was not viable at this stage as the rail corridors do not serve current travel demands very well. For example, many Waimakariri residents commute to the airport which is not on the railway line. Further investigations will be carried out with partners to evaluate long-term rail options for the future.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan is recommended.
Nikki Beardsley	Trains will work better than buses in the long-term.	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and the future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Peter Edmonds	I cannot understand why the rail system we have is not used for passenger traffic. Otherwise, I think the bus services are very good.	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partner councils recently investigated short-term rail options for greater Christchurch and found it was not viable at this stage as the rail corridors do not serve current travel demands very well. For example, many Waimakariri residents work around the airport which is not served by the existing railway line. Further investigations will be carried out with partners to evaluate long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows. There is funding in the Long Term Plan to support further bus service improvements.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Dennis Graham	The current Orbiter bus route should be extended to Christchurch Airport.	The Council noted your comments on the Orbiter bus route. Your suggestion will be referred to the Public Transport Operations team to consider in future service reviews. There is funding in the Long	That the comment is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is

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		Term Plan for future improvements to bus services.	recommended.
Brian Turner	Ease pressure on SH1 by putting on passenger/commuter trains. This should be a no-brainer given the tracks are already in place.	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and the future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partner councils recently investigated short-term rail options for greater Christchurch and found it was not viable at this stage as the rail corridors do not serve current travel demands very well. For example, many Waimakariri residents work near the airport which is not on the current railway line. Further investigations will be carried out with partners to evaluate long-term rail options for the future.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Pat and Tom Sidebotham	The submitter is unhappy with the new service from Northwood. Submitter notes particular concerns and suggests an alternative.	The Council noted your comments regarding the Northwood bus service. Your suggestions have been referred to the Public Transport Operations team to consider in their next service review. The Long Term Plan includes funding for further improvements to the Metro network.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Philippa Tyrrell	The transport needs of satellite towns need to include further consideration of rail.	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and the future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows. The Long Term Plan includes funding to improve bus services to satellite towns.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Graham Robinson	Look at smaller buses on non-peak bus routes.	The Council has noted your comments regarding bus sizes. The new public transport network allows smaller vehicles to be used on suburban bus routes while large buses can be used on the frequent lines with higher passenger demand. As bus companies purchase new vehicles they can select different sized vehicles to suit different routes so these changes will be seen over time as the fleets are replaced. This is supported by the proposed Long Term Plan, so no changes are required.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Margaret Davies	Make bus stops and buses safer - I don't feel safe.	<p>The Council noted your comments regarding public transport. The Regional Public Transport Plan 2014 includes policies to ensure the safety and security of passengers on buses. Our annual passenger surveys indicate that most passengers feel safe, but we encourage you to contact Metroinfo on 366 88 55 or www.metroinfo.co.nz if you have specific concerns on a particular route so we can resolve these issues.</p> <p>Bus stops are the responsibility of the local councils, as the road</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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		controlling authority, so we suggest you also raise this concern with them.	
Robert Amtmann	New bus route proposals should be commercially driven.	The Council noted your comments regarding public transport. The Canterbury Regional Public Transport Plan includes a target to achieve 50% cost recovery from bus fares by 2020. This is aligned with the national target set by central government. The new bus routes aim to increase patronage and commerciality of public transport services to achieve this target, and the Long Term Plan budgets are aligned.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Joy Niven	I would like bus routes to be looked at.	The Council noted your comments regarding public transport. If you have a specific concern or suggestion for a particular bus route or area, please contact Metroinfo on 366 88 55 or www.metroinfo.co.nz to discuss this in more detail. The Long Term Plan includes funding for future bus route improvements.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Vicki Christoffersen	Improving bus services can only be good, but the bus can take longer and that will just discourage people. I believe alternative means, such as passenger rail, must be introduced for outlying areas.	The Council has noted your support for improving bus services and noted your comments regarding the future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Ms Anne Griffiths	Government policy is too roads-dominated and is too responsive to road freight company demands at the cost of alternative freight modes, especially rail. This policy does not prepare the regions for impacts of global 'peak cheap oil' within this Plan period, nor for the limitation from global warming. We support a feasibility study of rail passenger transport.	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Chris Martin, Selwyn Youth Council	Travel by bus needs to be more convenient and cheaper. The submitter lists five points.	The Council noted your comments regarding public transport and your suggestions have been referred to the Operations team to consider. We are very pleased to have a member of the Selwyn Youth Council on the Public Transport Advisory Group and appreciate your input and support of public transport.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Louise Leitch	I think ECan needs to regard public transport as a high priority. Commuter congestion from satellite towns is a problem. I would like to see ECan take a leading role in these transport issues	The Council noted your comments regarding public transport. A high priority for Environment Canterbury is to reduce congestion and support the rebuild of greater Christchurch. The Long Term Plan includes funding for further improvements to services to	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan

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	and make transport a high priority.	achieve higher patronage over the next ten years.	2015-25 is recommended.
Lesley Shand	The Blue Line buses beginning in Christchurch central are timetabled to run at the same time (or a few before/after) the Christchurch City Council buses. If they were in-between, waiting time could be reduced.	The Council noted your comments on the Blue Line; however, this operational detail is outside the scope of the Long Term Plan. Please contact Metroinfo on 366 88 55 or www.metroinfo.co.nz to discuss these details further, so the Operations team can consider your suggestions.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Bruce Conaghan	I fully support examining opportunities for public rail transport into and out of the city.	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and the future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Nicky Snoyink	I encourage Environment Canterbury to explore options for public transport outside greater Christchurch, especially for public rail into and out of the city.	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows.	That the comments are noted and no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Allen Cookson	<p>There is a need for ECan to develop improved relationships with territorial authorities regarding the ambiguous boundaries of transport responsibilities. ECan should seek avoidance of energy- and time-wasting transport options, for instance, more work in Waimakariri district would reduce commuting and all its disadvantages.</p> <p>ECan should seek safe cycleways between Rangiora, Woodend, Pegasus and Kaiapoi. See examples at Tram Road near Swannanoa School and Earlys Road in Cust.</p>	<p>Thank you for your submission; your point regarding relationships with territorial authorities is noted. The key organisations associated with public transport in Christchurch are currently engaged in discussions around how to further improve the delivery of public transport for the community. Their work will continue to identify areas for further alignment and improvement. Any recommendations for changes are beyond the scope of our Long Term Plan, and as a result, no immediate change is required to our Plan.</p> <p>The Urban Development Strategy and Land Use Recovery Plan identify areas of residential and commercial growth in greater Christchurch. Our transport network is designed to support that, so no change is required to our Long Term Plan.</p> <p>The Council received your comments regarding cycleways in Waimakariri district, but noted that this is outside of Environment Canterbury's responsibilities. Waimakariri District Council is the road controlling authority responsible for infrastructure such as cycleways. We suggest that you raise these matters with Waimakariri District Council for consideration.</p>	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mr	The most recent round of bus changes in Christchurch have been a	The Council has noted your comments regarding the recent bus	That the comments are noted

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Frank Hill	complete failure and have led to people making greater use of cars and clogging the roads. The cancellation of the Metrostar bus service, which was used by around 70,000 people monthly, was absurd.	service changes. The network changes aimed to encourage more people to use public transport and reduce congestion. In March 2015 we recorded our highest patronage for a single month since the earthquakes with an increase of 4% compared to March 2014. We will continue to monitor these services closely to ensure this trend continues. Our Long Term Plan allows for further improvements to be made in the future so no change to the Plan is required.	and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Sue Stubenvoll	I would use buses more if they were more friendly for bikes and dogs, especially in bad weather. Focus on improving service, not marketing.	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport. All of the urban buses in greater Christchurch now have bike racks which can be used by passengers at no additional cost. The policy regarding dogs on buses is included in the Regional Public Transport Plan 2014 and is outside the scope of the Long Term Plan. Funding for marketing is included in the Long Term Plan to ensure that the community is aware of the bus services available and to encourage more people to use these services to help reduce traffic congestion and keep the city moving.	That the comments are noted and that no changes to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 are recommended.
Karen Brownie, Avebury Community House	Stop changing the routes and the contracts for which company has routes. Have bus stops closer together to encourage use, with suitable shelters. Reintroduce the four-hourly off-peak return pass for daytime, weekends and evenings.	The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport. It is necessary to review bus routes regularly to ensure they meet the travel demands of the community. The recent service changes in December 2014 were necessary to respond to the changing travel patterns following the earthquakes. The territorial authorities are the road controlling authorities responsible for the delivery of bus stops and shelters. We suggest that you raise the concerns in your submission with your local council. Bus fare policies are set in the Regional Public Transport Plan 2014 so are outside the scope of the Long Term Plan. Any extension to the transfer time would have funding implications which are not included in the Long Term Plan.	That the comments are noted and that no changes to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 are recommended.
Margaret Miller	Encouraging people to use more public transport won't come unless the public transport is easy and convenient to use. It is important for your agency to advocate for better public transport routes.	The Council notes your comments regarding public transport. The funding in the Long Term Plan will help us continue to improve services so that they attract more passengers.	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
	Buses should be smaller. I frequently travel to town when the bus is virtually empty.	The Council has noted your comments regarding bus sizes. The new public transport network allows smaller vehicles to be used on suburban bus routes while larger buses can be used on the frequent lines with higher passenger demand. As bus companies purchase new vehicles they can select different sized vehicles to suit different routes, so these changes will be seen over time as the fleet is replaced. This is supported by the proposed Long Term	That the comments are noted and no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is required.

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		Plan so no changes are required.	
Ian Cumming	Submitter cites comparative senior citizen travel/fare concessions from Auckland.	<p>The Council noted your comments regarding public transport fare concessions for senior citizens in Auckland. Free off-peak travel for Super Gold Card holders is funded by central government. Auckland Transport provides additional funding to extend the hours of free travel in its region. This additional funding comes from rates and other fare paying passengers.</p> <p>Policy 4.3 in the Canterbury Regional Public Transport Plan sets the policies for fare concessions in our region. Concessions are only offered to children and Super Gold Card holders. All passengers can access a 25% discount by paying with a Metrocard to try to make public transport affordable for all sectors of society and to encourage frequent bus use. Further discounts for particular groups, such as senior citizens, would need to be covered by higher rates or increased fares for other passengers, which Environment Canterbury does not support.</p>	That the comments are noted but that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-2025 is recommended.
Alice Ridley, Christchurch Youth Council	<p>Accessible public transport is still a massive issue for young people. Plans for buses and light rail services in the region don't seem to be moving.</p> <p>The submitter suggests that changing the fare structure for buses would assist to increase patronage.</p>	<p>The Council has noted your comments regarding public transport and future use of rail. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for the future. The new Metro network is well placed to develop into higher capacity modes as patronage grows.</p> <p>The fare structure for buses is set through policies in the Regional Public Transport Plan 2014 so is outside the scope of the Long Term Plan.</p>	That the comments are noted and no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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Wendy Hay	<p>I agree with your proposal to spend more on encouraging bus patronage over the next ten years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Covered bus shelters on all main routes. - Subsidise fares. 	The Council appreciates your support for public transport as outlined in your submission.	That the support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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	- Add new routes to new areas.		
Belinda Margetts	I support encouraging bus use. An express bus from Rolleston to Christchurch via the Southern Motorway would be great.	The Council appreciates your support for public transport. Your suggestion regarding an express bus from Rolleston has been referred to the Operations team to consider.	That the support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Stuart Payne	I support the strategies proposed.	The Council appreciates your support for the transport strategies proposed in the Long Term Plan.	That the support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Gordon Spence	Yes, spend more on encouraging patronage of the buses.	The Council appreciates your support for public transport and continues to encourage patronage growth.	That the support is noted and no change is recommended to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25.
Janice Donaldson	Yes, encourage use of public transport.	The Council appreciates your support for public transport.	That the support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Peria Hunt	It is a good idea to have the total mobility programme to help people with impaired mobility. Continue with the availability of reasonably-priced public transport.	The Council appreciates your support for public transport and the Total Mobility programme.	That the support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Ms Janet Begg	I heartily agree with the transport plan. The service must be convenient above all else. I urge ECan to actively work towards implementing an independent integrated transport authority.	The Council appreciates your support for transport. The key organisations associated with public transport in Christchurch are currently engaged in discussions around how to further improve the delivery of public transport for the community. Their work will continue to identify areas for further alignment and improvement. Any recommendations for change are beyond the scope of our Long Term Plan and as a result no immediate change is required to our Plan.	That the support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Mark Yaxley, New Zealand Transport Agency	The Transport Agency considers that the draft Plan has appropriately identified the key issues facing the Canterbury region and is therefore supportive of its content, subject to the changes sought through this submission. We acknowledge Environment Canterbury's efforts to rebuild patronage of the bus network since the earthquakes. We support efforts to regain and then surpass the previous patronage high	The Council appreciates the New Zealand Transport Agency's support for increasing public transport patronage. We will continue to work with the Agency and partners to ensure the success of the new hubs and spokes network, supported by our behaviour change programme. We appreciate the Agency's support to help us progress bus priority projects on key corridors to deliver the new	That the comments are noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.

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	of 17 million boardings per annum.	network.	
Sigrid McDougall	I agree with your proposal to increase the use of buses. More should be spent on this.	The Council appreciates your support for public transport as outlined in your submission.	That the support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-25 is recommended.
Michael Hide, Fonterra Co- operative Group Limited	Fonterra is supportive of the proposal to look at integrated transport solutions to reduce inefficiencies in the transport sector. This is an area of interest for Fonterra through our joint venture, Kotahi, which has formed a new company with the Port of Tauranga to achieve this same outcome.	The Council appreciates Fonterra's support for integrated transport solutions. Environment Canterbury and partners will be carrying out further investigations into long-term rail options for public transport and freight in the future, and look forward to working with Fonterra on these projects.	That the support is noted and that no change to the proposed Long Term Plan is recommended.