

# **Canterbury Mayoral Forum**

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Canterbury Mayoral Forum Friday, 27 May 2022 8:30 am

Held at: Peppers Clearwater Resort Clearwater Avenue, Harewood, Christchurch

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Attendees:	Alex Parmley, Angela Oosthuizen, Bede Carran, David Ward, Dawn Baxendale, Hamish Dobbie, Hamish Riach, Jim Harland, Will Doughty, Amanda Wall, Rosa Wakefield, Sean Tully
Apologies:	Nigel Bowen, Stefanie Rixecker, Stuart Duncan, Maree McNeilly
Guests/Notes:	<ul> <li>Rebecca McKinney and Kate Nicholls, Environment Canterbury (item 2.2)</li> <li>Allan Prangnell, Deputy Chief Executive and Richard Cross, Strategic Policy and Innovation Manager, Ministry of Transport (item 2.4)</li> <li>Ben Clark, Regional Public Service Commissioner and Eamon Coulter, Director Regional COVID response/regional public service (item 2.5)</li> <li>Marlon Bridge, Head of Strategy; Jason Krupp, Head of Strategic Relations, National Transition Unit, DIA (item 2.7)</li> <li>Liz Moncrieff, Director RM Reform, Ministry for the Environment (item 2.10)</li> <li>Elizabeth Brown and Karena Brown, Regional Skills Leadership Group co- chairs (item 4.1)</li> </ul>

# 1. Opening meeting

# 1.1 Karakia, welcome, introductions and apologies

8:30 am (5 min)

Sam Broughton

#### Canterbury Mayoral Forum karakia

Ko Ngā Tiritiri o te Moana ngā maunga

Ko ngā wai huka ngā awa i rere tonu mai

Ko Ngā Pākihi Whakatekateka o Waitaha te whenua

Ko Marokura, ko Mahaanui, ko Araiteuru ngā tai

Tīhei mauri ora!

The Southern Alps stand above

The snow-fed rivers continually flow forth

The plains of Waitaha extend out

To the tides of Marokura, Mahaanui and Araiteuru

Behold, there is life!

<b>1.2</b> Sam E	Confirmation of agenda Broughton	8:35 am (5 min)
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Dan G	Gordon	
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Sam E	Broughton	
Allan	Prangnell, Siobhan Rutledge	
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<b>2.7</b> Marlor	Three Waters - National Transition Unit Bridge, Jason Krupp	10:30 am (35 min)	
<b>2.8</b> Sam B	Future for Local Government update	11:05 am (15 min)	
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Maree McNeilly

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#### 5.4 2022 budget

#### 1:42 pm (2 min)

Maree McNeilly

(paper to follow)

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# 6. General business

# 6.1 Council updates

Mayors/Chair to update forum members on state of your LA, what would your request of the Forum be to end the term on a winning note

1:44 pm (40 min)

# 6.2 General business

2:24 pm (5 min)

- 7. Close Meeting
- 7.1 Meeting review

# 7.2 Close the meeting

Next meeting: Canterbury Mayoral Forum and Papatipu Rūnanga Chairs - 5 Aug 2022, 10:00 am

# MINUTES (in Review) CANTERBURY MAYORAL FORUM



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Apologies:	Lianne Dalziel, David Ward
Guests/Notes:	Andrew Turner (Deputy Mayor, Christchurch City Council, for Lianne Dalziel); Minister David Parker (Item 2.2); Arron Cox, Private Secretary to Minister for the Environment (Item 2.2); Janine Smith, Deputy Chief Executive, Ministry for the Environment (Item 2.2); Caroline Hart, Director, Ministry for the Environment (Item 2.2); John Blincoe, Senior Ministerial Advisor Minister Parker's office (Item 2.2); David Falconer, Chair Canterbury Planning Managers Group (Item 2.2); Hamish Barrell, Canterbury Planning Managers Group (Item 2.2) Ben Clark, Regional Public Service Commissioner (Item 2.4); Peter Bramley, Chief Executive, Canterbury District Health Board (Item 2.5), Marlon Bridge, Acting Director Three Waters Transition Unit (Item 2.6); Mike Reid, Principal Policy Advisor, LGNZ (Item 2.8).

# 1. Opening meeting

## 1.1 Mihi, welcome, introductions and apologies

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting with the Mayoral Forum mihi.

## 1.2 Confirmation of agenda

The agenda was confirmed with no items of general business.

## 1.3 Minutes from the previous meeting

Canterbury Mayoral Forum 19 Nov 2021, the minutes were confirmed as presented.

## 1.4 Action List

Due Date	Action Title	Owner
21 Feb 2022	Regional economic development initiative reminder	Maree McNeilly
	Status: Completed on 15 Feb 2022	

Due Date	Action Title	Owner
31 Mar 2022	Set up a visit to Kiwirail <b>Status:</b> On Hold	Maree McNeilly
26 May 2022	Arrange meeting with Minister of Transport <b>Status:</b> In Progress	Maree McNeilly

Meeting with Minister of Transport – the secretariat is working with the RTC secretariat on arranging this meeting and will continue to follow up with the Minister's office. This was discussed at RTC.

Regional Economic development initiatives – minimal feedback has been received from councils. The CMF Economic Development Group is meeting on Monday.

KiwiRail visit – this is on hold due to COVID.

Visit to tertiary campus – Lincoln visit booked in 29th April, which will involve an overview of their energy farms and urban farming projects. An agenda will be provided closer to the time. The Forum also wants to meet with the University of Canterbury and Ara to ensure it understands our tertiary education sector.

Biodiversity champions stocktake - work on this is underway, the secretariat will follow up.

# 2. For discussion

# 2.1 CREDS update

Craig Rowley spoke to the paper, noting the good work from Leftfield and on the mobile blackspots project.

Leftfield are doing work to encourage land use diversification using the reports, have been meeting with farmer groups, and are looking for markets with NZTE. A further update will be provided to the May Forum. Following the May update Leftfield's work with the Forum will be complete and there is no plan to provide further funding to Leftfield.

The next step for the mobile blackspots project is to advocate for the identified blackspots to be resolved.

It was noted that the mobile blackspot report is not a full list and that coverage is an ongoing issue. Members noted known gaps in many districts.

The copper network is also tenuous and this affects the farming communities across the region.

Mackenzie District Council has done work with Spark and Vodafone to identify key local sites, supported negotiations with landowners, and eased the consenting process to enable more connectivity in their district.

Members noted endorsement for both the Leftfield and Mobile Blackspots projects.



#### Action

Arrange for forum members to meet with relevant parties to see if anything can be done to support resolution of mobile blackspots.

Due Date:	31 Mar 2022
Owner:	Rosa Wakefield



#### Action

Discuss the reason Waitaki is not included in the mobile blackspot project with Gary Kircher.

28 February: spoken to Gary to advise that unfortunately council did not get back to us with a resource to do the driving in the Waitaki district.

Due Date:	25 Feb 2022
Owner:	Maree McNeilly



#### Decision

The Forum agreed to:

- 1. note the updates on CREDS projects
- 2. receive the Digital Connectivity- Mobile Blackspots phase 2 final report
- 3. receive the reports from Leftfield Innovation on vegetables and berry fruit
- 4. endorse the proposed approach for advocating for remediation of the identified mobile blackspots.

Decision Date:	18 Feb 2022
Mover:	Craig Rowley
Seconder:	Graham Smith
Outcome:	Approved

#### 2.2 Resource Management reform - Minister Parker

The Chair welcomed Minister Parker to the meeting, along with John Blincoe, Janine Smith, Arron Cox, Caroline Hart, David Falconer and Hamish Barrell.

The Minister spoke to issues around Resource Management reform, including:

- the Government's intention to introduce the new NBA and the related Strategic Planning Act in 2022
- that diversity is expected within and across regions, and the challenge of incorporating this diversity into regional plans
- that the Steering Group is working through how to devolve the make-up of joint committees to the region to ensure connection, so that the rural voice is not subsumed to the urban voice and that TAs don't undermine regional councils, noting that there may be a backstop process in case regions are unable to do this themselves
- that the Steering Group is also working on developing better ways for local communities to provide their expectations to the joint committee, potentially via a statement of community outcomes and statement of regional outcomes
- the need for plans to be briefer overall and how to ensure that statements of expectation are not so specific as to prevent this
- that the Steering Group is looking at issues around enforcement rules under the Local Government Act requiring prosecution instead of infringement notices, which encourages local government to add rules to their plans
- the need for more broad consultation by the sub-grouped consultation group
- that the treatment of boundaries, with regard to the intersection of catchment, local government and iwi boundaries, has not yet been resolved
- the need to ensure that the independent hearing panel process is run in a way that ensure people are heard, and the preference to use Environment Court judges for this
- that the NPS for highly productive land is likely to go to Cabinet between April and June
- that there is not yet a timetable on indigenous biodiversity
- his view that Resource Management reform is not about local government reform, but that the intent is to simplify local democratic voice, reducing bureaucracy for councils and those who deal with them.
- Minister Parker will get someone from his staff to contact Jim Harland in relation to his experience on incorporating the four wellbeings into community outcomes as part of spatial planning and land use opportunities, and the possibility of combining community consultation on spatial planning and land use.

The Chair thanked the Minister and his staff for their time.

# 2.3 Canterbury Water Management Strategy update

Jenny Hughey spoke to the paper.

Selwyn District Council have been exploring a one water strategy from Selwyn, built with Rūnanga involvement from the outset. This aims to highlight community expectations for infrastructure, freshwater bodies, and discharge. CWMS and the Zone Committees have been a key part of this.

Stefanie noted that the Water Services Bill and NPS on Essential Freshwater includes Te Mana o Te Wai, however the definition and approach of this are not fixed. Environment Canterbury is working with Taumata Arowai around stormwater but this is complex due to the mix of channels, structures and privately held drains.

Minister Parker wrote a letter to Sam Broughton and Stefanie Rixecker on Te Waihora. They have invited the Minister down to try to resolve legacy issues since Te Waihora was returned to Ngāi Tahu 20 years ago and discuss who must pay for remediation.

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Decision

The Forum agreed to:

- 1. receive the CWMS update report
- note that future CWMS updates will incorporate a focus on activities that deliver on the key priorities identified within Zone Committee Action Plans.

Decision Date:	18 Feb 2022
Mover:	Jenny Hughey
Seconder:	Marie Black
Outcome:	Approved

# 2.4 Climate Change Steering Group update

Dan Gordon spoke to the paper noting that the recommendation on the public launch changed following the meeting last year. Steering Group decided that sharing advice with councils, rūnanga and other stakeholders directly was likely more appropriate given the technical nature of the information. If councils want support at any meetings this can be arranged. The report is available on the Mayoral Forum website.

Members agreed that we need to think about a community conversation around climate change and what we could do as leaders to further the conversation for Canterbury.

*It's Time, Canterbury* has had good impact and the second phase is currently progressing, and the next newsletter will come out early March. This is directed more at local activity.

The Climate Change Steering Group also now meets with climate change councillors twice a year to share information. Don Hine, professor of psychology at UC will be speaking at the next meeting. Environment Canterbury's annual plan includes consulting around having a climate change action levy.



#### Decision

The Forum agreed to note the update provided in the paper.

Decision Date:	18 Feb 2022
Mover:	Dan Gordon
Seconder:	Nigel Bowen
Outcome:	Approved

## 2.5 Morning Tea

# 2.6 Regional Public Service Commissioner update

The chair welcomed Ben Clark to the meeting to provide an update on the Regional Leadership Group.

Ben spoke to the update, encouraging members to reflect on the need for a change in perspective of COVID being a threat and a risk. Strong local communications are needed, reassuring the community that there are protections we can and should use against the worst of Omicron despite the large case numbers we will see.

The projection is for case numbers to continue to double every three days, and the focus will shift to self-led contact tracing, except for high-risk events. Information is coming to businesses encouraging them to set up contact tracing for their own employees. There is concern around universities returning and orientation events.

Despite increasing case numbers and numbers in hospital there are still no patients in ICU. Protections, including vaccination, boosters and mask wearing to reduce speed of spread. Omicron is spread through shared air. Members should consider role-modelling mask wearing indoors for employees and communities. Hygiene, washing hands, physical distance and ventilation are also all key for reducing likelihood of spread.

More information on the close contact exemption scheme has been made available in the past week. There are more community connectors for families isolating at home.

The Government is not distinguishing between Omicron and Delta. All new cases are likely to be Omicron, which has lower severity than Delta.

The RLG noticed a need for targeted non-digital messaging, and as there is no central campaign has planned a letterbox drop for Canterbury. This will include consistent messaging from the Ministry of Health along with local contacts and information. Members discussed the need for this to be brief and easy to understand.

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#### Decision

The Forum agreed to receive the Regional Public Service Commissioner update.

Decision Date:	18 Feb 2022
Mover:	Craig Mackle
Seconder:	Gary Kircher
Outcome:	Approved

# 2.7 COVID-19 response and health reforms - Peter Bramley

The Chair welcomed Peter Bramley to the meeting, along with Tracey Maisey.

Peter gave an overview of CDHB's preparations for COVID-19, noting that our community is very well prepared in terms of vaccination. Boosters are making fabulous progress as are those in the 5-11 year age group. The biggest area of concern is those with mental health issues. We have had time to prepare, but the challenge will be the sheer number of cases. For most it will be a mild disease but we need to ensure we can support those who become acutely unwell and look out for those who are particularly vulnerable.

Tracey spoke to the slides which were shared, noting that the modelling has just been updated, and that CDHB is now forecasting its COVID-19 peak to be 35k cases and 100 beds. This adjustment is due to booster rates, the red traffic light setting, and the highly vaccinated population. Vaccine efficacy has also improved, both against infection and against severe disease and 40% of cases are expected to be asymptomatic.

The CDHB anticipates a three-month period of growing and waning impact from Omicron. The CDHB Emergency Communications Centre and Emergency Operations Centre were stood up on Tuesday and are the control centres for health for Canterbury and the West Coast. These are expected to run for 8-12 weeks.

The CDHB is in stage 2a of their response currently, and is preparing higher acuity areas by seeking voluntary staff redeployment. In stage 2b non-urgent planned care will start to be deferred and it will look to redeploy staff from less acute sites. This stage will be delayed for as long as possible. At stage 3 all resource will be diverted to urgent, acute service delivery.

Equity of outcome for Māori, Pasifika, disability and rural populations is critical. The risk severity matrix allows resources to be focused towards more vulnerable members of the community.

8-15% staff absence is estimated to occur in the health workforce. It was noted that this is likely to be similar across a number of workplaces.

CDHB would like support to get a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) collection site set up in East Christchurch as this is a key area.

Members noted concerns around:

- older people, rural populations
- ambulance availability
- protests
- the lack of access to online resources particularly for elderly people in rural communities and others who are not digitally connected
- the proposed length of the booklet to be delivered to Canterbury homes
- mental health now and in the future, as a result of COVID-19, flooding and other issues
- the lack of RAT collection sites in Kaiapoi and Amberley
- the potential for early discharge from hospital for rural patients.

Peter reassured members that CDHB is concerned about isolated and remote rural communities and is working across the region and staying close to providers in those areas. It has partnered very closely with MSD and has a large contingent of community connectors. Ambulance services are a crucial area of concern and CDHB is working at both local and national level on these.

Tracey will pass on the feedback that 16 pages is considered too long for the booklet to be delivered to all households. It is important to get this info out but it needs to provide the right balance of information.

It was noted that RATs distribution sites cannot be existing health sites as symptomatic patients will attend, but if volunteers can be found CDHB can probably set up additional sites.

CDHB is looking to redeploy clinical teams into home settings, augmenting community response in order to support early discharge. The model of care is being changed to support this.



#### Action

Provide Greypower contact details to Dawn to support development of the information booklet to be delivered to all Canterbury households.

Due Date:	25 Feb 2022
Owner:	Dan Gordon

#### 2.8 Three Waters transition - Marlon Bridge

Sam Broughton welcomed Marlon Bridge to the meeting.

Marlon spoke to the work of the national transition unit, noting that the unit is currently gearing up, with the permanent director to be announced in the next few weeks, and that they are looking to appoint a council interface manager and iwi liaison managers for Canterbury.

The team is doing some planning, early engagement, reaching out to key stakeholders including councils, iwi, central government and suppliers. Information gathering has been broken into stages, with the focus on people first, then information around asset management, contracts and so on will be sought.

Key risks identified so far are:

- information technology platform the unit is exploring options with a panel of CIOs
- billing status quo is an option but exploring options to link this to ICT platform
- asset management plans which need to be in place by 1 July 2024 and awareness that new entities need to be ready to go from day 1 to avoid impacting the industry
- people need good people in the key roles. There will be a need for specialisation, and to
  ensure that these roles are seen and understood by those in the industry. Aiming to get
  80% of recruitment from previous water roles
- localisation and ensuring money stays in communities the unit does not yet have a solution but it is not the objective for large suppliers to come in and drain local communities
- resourcing the unit is aware that staff are already stretched due to growing capital programmes and labour shortages, and is keen for feedback on how to best progress.

Marlon hopes to provide a view of the plan and the programme which has been put in place and is looking to formalise communications, provide regular updates.

The unit is keen to work with local transition teams, for example the working forum in Otago/Southland. The objective is not a centralised model, but some national frameworks will likely be put in place, e.g. health and safety. Climate change is likely to have a national context with regionalised focus.

The hope is to co-develop plans with industry bodies, LGNZ, Taituarā etc.

Additional funding is being sought for iwi liaison, as well as more funds to support the transition, including possibly funding for resource to assist councils.

The chair asked what input the Forum and its takiwā would have in the establishment phase. Formal paths to engagement are currently being identified, but there are also many informal ways of working together through this process.

Members noted varied views on the Government's approach to the change, and the preference of some members for reforms to be stopped. Concern was also noted around resource availability to support the transition.

The transition unit is keen to work with members to consider how outputs can be delivered and is happy to help in any way it can.



#### Invite Marlon Bridge to the next Forum meeting

Invite Marlon Bridge to the next Mayoral Forum meeting to provide a further update.

15/03: Maree will contact Marlon to check who should be invited.

20 April 2022 - Heather Shotter, Hamiora Bowkett and Marlon Bridge invited (and accepted) meeting invitation for 27 May 2022

Due Date: 27 May 2022

Owner: Maree McNeilly

#### 2.9 Future for Local Government update

Sam Broughton welcomed Dr Michael Reid to the meeting.

Michael noted that LGNZ is running facilitated sessions to find out what the sector feels around various issues relating to the Future for Local Government reforms. The collated results from these sessions will be provided to the review panel to ensure it understands council issues before it drafts its report.

As members are unable to attend this week's session a mini-session was run within the Forum on local leadership. Michael noted that since releasing the interim report the review panel has put out five key shifts they want to see in local government's future. These are:

- strengthen local democracy
- stronger focus on wellbeing
- authentic relationships with hapū, iwi and councils
- genuine partnership between central and local government
- more equitable funding.

Michael asked members for their thoughts on some of the questions that will be posed at this week's session, and members provided feedback which will feed into the broader consultation.

Alex Parmley, Craig Mackle and Will Doughty left the meeting.

3. Lunch

# 3.1 Lunch

# 4. For information

# 4.1 Chief Executives Forum report

Hamish Riach spoke to the paper, noting that the CEs held a strategic workshop in January to consider how to get the best value from the CEs Forum. Members agreed that we wanted to be more supportive of each other and have less focus on transactional reports.

Members discussed the recurring theme of capacity to deliver and pressure on staff, and the need to ensure this is flagged to Ministers and officials in conversations around reforms. The possibility of working together to use resources more efficiently, for example on transport planning within the Greater Christchurch councils, was discussed.

Members discussed aspects of the Forum, including:

- the need for chief executives to keep mayors and chair across what is happening within councils
- the need to collaborate more with central government
- the value of joint submissions and how well groups like the Canterbury Planning Managers work together to prepare these
- the positive culture of the Forum and the value of having chief executives as part of the discussion
- the excellent service from the secretariat.



#### Decision

The Forum agreed to receive the quarterly report from the Chief Executives Forum and note updates to the three-year work programme.

Decision Date:	18 Feb 2022
Mover:	Dan Gordon
Seconder:	Nigel Bowen
Outcome:	Approved

#### 4.2 Mayoral Forum activities and engagements

The paper was taken as read, noting that this is a summary of the Forum's work since the last quarterly meeting.



#### Decision

The Forum agreed to receive the update on Mayoral Forum activities and correspondence since the Forum's meeting on 19 November 2021.

Decision Date:	18 Feb 2022
Mover:	Sam Broughton
Seconder:	Marie Black
Outcome:	Approved

#### 4.3 Meeting review

Members discussed their views of the Mayoral Forum, RTC and CDEM JC meetings over the past day, including:

- agreeing that having open discussion works well at the end of the meeting rather than at the start
- noting concern around the late introduction of a Notice of Motion at RTC and the need to consider where standing orders sit in relation to RTC
- agreeing to have a weekly 30 minute meeting prior to the RLG meetings. Sam will chair this. All members can still attend the RLG meetings but the pre-meeting provides an opportunity for the mayors to agree on any collective views
- that they would prefer agendas for RTC, CDEM and the Mayoral Forum to be on the same platform.

Members agreed that the information booklet being distributed by health is the most important thing, and that this needs to be targeted for our communities. The RLG comms group is involved in collating this, and every council is represented so they will be able to provide the appropriate level of information.



#### Action

Action

Set up a weekly 30 minute meeting for Forum members immediately before the RLG meetings.

Due Date:22 Feb 2022Owner:Maree McNeilly

## 3

Review the COVID information booklet being prepared by CDHB to ensure it is well targeted.

Due Date:25 Feb 2022Owner:Dawn Baxendale

## 4.4 Council updates

Members discussed issues of relevance to their councils. Discussion included:

- the state of state highway roads in some districts, and the need to push for funding and for a different funding model from Waka Kotahi
- whether councils should submit individually on the road user charges consultation

- concern at high staff workload, including the difficulty in allocating resource to providing information to central government for reform processes when already stretched in a big year of capital delivery
- concern that central government has a lot of siloed thinking around the reforms
- concern around how to provide the right information to three waters employees around the future of their employment when information is not yet available
- difficulty keeping rates rises low with high inflation rates
- difficulty retaining staff against higher central government salaries, coupled with labour shortages is causing issues
- challenges around increases in material cost and supply chain issues, and the possibility of this affecting capital work programme delivery
- challenges around harvest with all the recent wet weather causing grief for many farmers
- the presence of protesters around the region, prevalent frustration at mandates and general COVID fatigue in communities, and how this can spill into interactions with councils
- the community impacts of ongoing COVID cancellations
- positive feedback on an IANZ audit of building function, conducted online.

#### Transport guests for the Forum or RTC

Explore possible transport guests for the next Forum meeting and/or RTC.
15/03: Maree following up with MoT.
20/4 Allan Pragnell to attend May CMF dinner and CMF meeting
Due Date: 26 May 2022
Owner: Maree McNeilly

5. For information

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#### 5.1 General business

There was no general business.

6. Close Meeting

#### 6.1 Close the meeting

**Next meeting:** Canterbury Mayoral Forum and Papatipu Rūnanga Chairs - 25 Mar 2022, 10:00 am

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

# Action List Canterbury Mayoral Forum

As of: 27 May 2022

## Set up a visit to Kiwirail

Set up part two of the freight tour, part of a day at KiwiRail.

19/11: this was scheduled for 22 November, but has been postponed until early 2022 due to Alert Level 2.

18/01: made contact with John Gousmett around rescheduling.

23/01: moved to red traffic light setting.

17/05: followed up with John Gousmett, waiting to hear back.

Due Date:	31 Mar 2022
Owner:	Maree McNeilly
Meeting:	28 May 2021 Mayoral Forum, 4.1 Action List

#### Arrange meeting with Minister of Transport

Follow up with Minister of Transport's office around arrangements for meeting with the Forum.

19/11: we have received a response to our letter and this has been shared with members. Members agreed that a visit to Wellington should be arranged to meet with the Minister, with other transport-related meetings scheduled to coincide.

20/12: Paper being prepared for February RTC meeting to outline the plan of attack for the meeting with the Minister - proposed that RTC secretariat lead this engagement.

20/4/2022: Allan Pragnell to attend May CMF dinner and CMF meeting.

Due Date:	26 May 2022
Owner:	Maree McNeilly
Meeting:	20 Aug 2021 Canterbury Mayoral Forum, 3.8 General Business

#### Transport guests for the Forum or RTC

Explore possible transport guests for the next Forum meeting and/or RTC.

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Meeting:	18 Feb 2022 Canterbury Mayoral Forum, 4.4 Council updates



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# **Canterbury Mayoral Forum**

#### **Date:** 27 May 2022

Presented by: Dan Gordon, Chair Climate Change Steering Group

# **Climate Change Steering Group update**

# Purpose

1. This paper provides an update on the activities of the Climate Change Steering Group since the last Mayoral Forum meeting in February.

## **Recommendations**

#### That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

- 1. note the update provided in the paper and the presentation on *It's Time, Canterbury*
- 2. endorse Environment Canterbury's establishment of a climate change elected member group made up of councillors across the region with an interest in climate change.

# Background

- 2. The Climate Change Steering Group met in March to consider next steps for the Climate Change Risk Assessment and regional adaptation planning. The Steering Group also hosted a workshop for the regional climate change councillor group in March.
- 3. As part of its March meeting agenda, the Steering Group received an update on the *It's Time, Canterbury* campaign. The team managing the campaign will provide a presentation to the Mayoral Forum on the campaign's progress and current activities following the Forum's consideration of this paper.

# Next steps for Climate Change Risk Assessment and regional adaptation planning

- 4. The Steering Group considered preliminary advice from the Climate Change Working Group on next steps. The Steering Group noted its support for the approach the working group outlined, which can be summarised as:
  - a stocktake of climate change adaptation planning in the Canterbury region to collectively assess and formally document work already being done in the adaptation space by local authorities. It will also look to establish both current

and envisaged challenges faced by respective local authorities in delivering the work

- the results from this exercise would then be used to inform development of a project implementation plan. The plan will include detailed timeframes and proposed delivery costs
- the completion of the plan would be the first step to develop a regional adaptation strategy. While timeframes to complete the strategy are not yet determined, such an exercise would be expected to take 2-3 years.
- 5. Alongside this, the Working Group is also considering a detailed approach for assessing climate risk urgency (descoped from the Climate Change Risk Assessment). A proposal for completing the urgency work will form part of the draft implementation plan.
- 6. The *It's Time, Canterbury* engagement campaign will be the main communication and engagement platform for the climate change adaption planning process. The materials developed for this platform will also be made available to councils to use for their own engagement.
- 7. The Steering Group also discussed engagement with papatipu rūnanga on adaptation planning. Advice from the Working Group following the process to develop the risk assessment showed that the work is most relevant to rūnanga at the local level, with engagement via territorial authorities. The Steering Group advised engagement with rūnanga should be early, and in a partnership approach.
- 8. The Steering Group encouraged the working group to maintain momentum on the work and ensure it progresses in a timely way.
- 9. The Working Group will meet on 27 May to progress further advice on next steps.
- 10. At the Steering Group's meeting on 3 June, a detailed update on the implementation plan for regional adaptation planning will be provided for discussion. The Working Group will then look to confirm its finalised implementation plan in July.
- 11. The Working Group is working through the implications of the Emissions Reduction Plan, released on 16 May, and will provide advice to the Steering Group.
- 12. The Government's draft National Adaptation Plan is currently out for consultation. A regional submission is under development and a draft will be provided to the Forum for consideration ahead of the 3 June submission timeframe.

# Regional climate change councillor group

13. The Steering Group hosted another workshop for the regional climate change councillor group on 18 March. The guest speaker for this was Professor Don Hine, a professor of psychology at the University of Canterbury whose work focuses on understanding the factors that underlie environmental problems (including climate change) and behaviour

change strategies to help solve these problems. Attendees found the presentation and following discussion with Professor Hine very valuable.

- 14. At its March meeting, the Steering Group discussed a proposal by Environment Canterbury elected members to bring the regional councillor group into the fold of their Climate Change Action Committee. Members were supportive of the approach.
- 15. Since the Steering Group met in March, the proposal was briefly discussed at the regional workshop where attendees were supportive of the idea, and it was agreed that the Chair of the Steering Group and Chair Jenny Hughey would meet to consider a way forward. This meeting occurred in April, where it was agreed that the proposal would move ahead, and Chair Jenny would send letters to mayors to invite nominations from each council for the group. It is proposed that the current regional councillor group would be invited to attend the June Climate Change Action Committee meeting, and this would be followed by a workshop. The new group is proposed to formally commence in the new local government term, and will therefore be supported by Environment Canterbury, rather than the Mayoral Forum.
- 16. The Mayoral Forum is asked to endorse the approach to formalise the councillor group into the fold of Environment Canterbury's Climate Change Action Committee. The Forum would be kept up to date with its activities at regular intervals.

# It's Time Canterbury campaign

- 17. The campaign is now into phase 2. Phase 2 supports individual councils with what they want to communicate through the It's Time, Canterbury brand, and builds on content that is already there. A review of how information is presented on the campaign website is also under way to ensure the site is simple to navigate.
- 18. The team from Environment Canterbury leading the campaign will provide a presentation on phase 2 progress and current activities.

# **Canterbury Mayoral Forum**

Date:27 May 2022Presented by:Sam Broughton, Chair

# 2023-2025 Triennium preparation

# Purpose

- 1. The purpose of this paper is to present a draft Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement 2023 2025 (the Triennial Agreement) for discussion and feedback.
- 2. It also seeks feedback on proposed strategic approaches to prioritising issues and advocacy in the 2023-25 triennium.

# Recommendation

#### That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. discuss and provide feedback on the draft Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement 2023-2025 and strategy options for the upcoming term.

# Background

- 3. Following local body elections later this year, the Mayoral Forum will be asked, at its first meeting in November 2022, to approve a Triennial Agreement and ask all member councils to ratify it by 1 March 2023. In keeping with past process, the secretariat will provide a pro forma council paper to facilitate this process.
- 4. This paper provides an early opportunity for the Mayoral Forum to review the Triennial Agreement and discuss any changes it may wish to recommend to the incoming Forum in November. Endorsement by the Mayoral Forum of a finalised draft will be sought at the August 2022 meeting.
- 5. The Forum's strategic approach for the current term is through the Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2020-2022. Alongside the Triennial Agreement, this paper also provides an early opportunity to consider options for the strategic approach for the 2023-2025 term.

# Key points for discussion and feedback

#### **Current Triennial Agreement**

- 6. In 2019, a number of changes were made to the 2020-2022 agreement from the previous term's version<sup>1</sup>. These changes:
  - resulted in a more 'plain English' document, with additional headings and format changes for clarity and structure
  - revised the document to keep it at a high level, removing reference to specific projects for collaboration.
- 7. Instead of a list of projects, the agreement simply noted that the Forum will:
  - continue to provide governance of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy
  - develop and lead implementation of a sustainable development strategy for Canterbury region for the local government triennium 2020–22
  - advocate for the interests of the region, its councils and communities.
- Small amendments were also made to reflect legislative amendments to the Local Government Act 2002 (the purpose of local government and the reinstatement of the four well beings) and emphasise the high value the Mayoral Forum places on open communication, collaboration and trust.
- 9. A change was also made to the role and function of the Chief Executives Forum, to clarify that it must report quarterly to the Mayoral Forum on delivery of its work programme.
- 10. The terms of reference were also changed to reflect a standing invitation to the Kaiwhakahaere of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu to attend Forum meetings.

#### **Draft Triennial Agreement**

- 11. The secretariat is seeking feedback from the Mayoral Forum on what changes, if any, it may wish to recommend to the incoming Mayoral Forum for the 2023-2025 local government term.
- 12. The secretariat considers that the changes made to the current agreement at the beginning of the term remain relevant and helpful for this upcoming term. Not specifying key projects means the Forum has the ability to reprioritise, change or add projects, objectives and actions as necessary throughout the term, and create at the outset a strategy appropriate to the issues of the day that is flexible and high level enough to incorporate any major changes that occur during the term.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The 2020-2022 agreement is available here: <u>https://www.canterburymayors.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/CMF-triennial-agreement-2020\_signed.pdf</u>

- 13. Dependent on progress with the Review into the Future for Local Government and its recommendations and/or outcomes in the 2023-25 term, paragraphs 9-10 on local government structure in Canterbury in the draft agreement may need to be reviewed at a later stage.
- 14. One important matter that will need careful consideration is how to reflect the Forum's engagement with Papatipu Rūnanga. As noted in paragraph 10, the current terms of reference in the agreement note a standing invitation to Kaiwhakahaere of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. Now that the iwi has devolved much of its engagement to the Rūnanga level, a more appropriate statement in the terms of reference may be required. This may be an agenda item for the next Mayoral Forum meeting with the Papatipu Rūnanga chairs in August.
- 15. In considering whether further changes to the agreement are needed in addition to the above, the Forum may wish to consider whether:
  - the text in the current agreement remains fit for purpose
  - there is anything missing from the agreement that may assist in providing greater clarity about the role, purpose or operation of the Mayoral Forum.

#### Approach to strategy – Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2020-2022

- 16. It is timely to consider developing advice for the Forum on a strategy for the upcoming term. The *Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2020-2022* articulates the strategic approach for the Forum in this term, focusing on sustainable development across the four interdependent aspects of wellbeing (environmental, economic, social and cultural) and the four capitals that enable wellbeing (financial/physical capital, natural capital, human capital and social capital).
- 17. The Plan highlighted the priority issues where the forum can have the greatest impact through its leadership, facilitation and advocacy while providing the ability to be flexible and respond to issues as they arise, particularly in the face of the significant central government reform programme.
- 18. Questions for the Forum's consideration include:
  - how well has the Plan for Canterbury worked this term? What has it achieved? What are its gaps or limitations?
  - should the Plan for Canterbury be reviewed and updated for the upcoming term, or is a new approach required to enable better outcomes?
  - what should the process be to determine a refreshed Plan for Canterbury or a new approach?
- 19. At the Chief Executives Forum earlier this month, members discussed the strategic approach to prioritising issues and advocacy in the 2023-2025 triennium, and its advice is that the Plan for Canterbury is at a high enough level that it is unlikely to need to be revisited in a wholesale way. The Mayoral Forum may wish to revisit the five priority issues for the next triennium.

- 20. However, chief executives consider that the Plan will need to emphasise the importance and focus on change management throughout the upcoming term, including the need to support each other through change, along with some commentary on what collaboration through the next triennium might involve.
- 21. Chief Executives also suggested that it would be helpful for the current Forum to write a letter to sit alongside these and other briefing documents for the incoming members. The letter could outline the work done in this term, and note that the next triennium will be the most significant in local government since 1989. It would also be an opportunity to emphasise that the strategic approach to the 2023-25 term needs to be focused on ensuring local voice through these changes.

#### **Briefing material**

- 22. The secretariat will draft a briefing to incoming members of the Mayoral Forum, updating the regional overview (with infographics) structured around the Treasury's Living Standards Framework, and a record of the CMF's achievements this term.
- 23. These drafts will go through the Chief Executives Forum in August for review before they are finalised for Mayoral Forum consideration and approval later that month.

# Cost, compliance and communication

#### **Financial implications**

24. The work of regional forums is supported by a Regional Forums Levy. The secretariat is hosted by Environment Canterbury and funded from the regional general rate.

#### **Risk assessment and legal compliance**

- 25. General Counsel at Environment Canterbury will review the draft Triennial Agreement and confirm that it complies with requirements in the Local Government Act 2002 ss.15–17, prior to finalisation.
- 26. As noted above, dependent on progress with the Review into the Future for Local Government and its recommendations and/or outcomes in the 2022-24 term, paragraphs 9-10 on local government structure in Canterbury in the draft Triennial Agreement may need to be reviewed at a later stage.

#### Communication

27. Once ratified by member councils (by 1 March 2023) and signed by members of the Mayoral Forum, the Triennial Agreement is published on the Mayoral Forum website.

# Next steps

2 August 2022	Chief Executives Forum – endorse:
	final draft Triennial Agreement
	<ul> <li>draft briefing to incoming members of the Mayoral Forum</li> </ul>
	draft regional overview
26 August 2022	Mayoral Forum - approve:
	final draft Triennial Agreement
	<ul> <li>finalised advice on options for 2023-25 strategy</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>briefing to incoming members of the Mayoral Forum</li> </ul>
	regional overview
8 Oct 2022	Local body elections
25 Nov 2022	First meeting, Mayoral Forum:
	approve Triennial Agreement
	<ul> <li>consider framework for 2023-25 strategy, informed by briefing to incoming members of the Mayoral Forum and regional overview</li> </ul>
by 1 Mar 2023	Triennial Agreement ratified by member councils

# Attachments

• Draft Triennial Agreement 2023-2025

# Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement 2023–25

#### Background

- 1. Section 15 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act) requires local authorities within a regional council area to enter into a Triennial Agreement (the Agreement) by 1 March following triennial local body elections.
- 2. The purpose of the Agreement is to ensure appropriate levels of communication, coordination and collaboration between local authorities within the region. The agreement must include:
  - protocols for communication and co-ordination between the councils
  - the process by which councils will comply with section 16 of the Act, which applies to significant new activities proposed by regional councils
  - processes and protocols through which all councils can participate in identifying, delivering and funding facilities and services of significance to more than one district.
- 3. Agreements may also include commitments to establish joint governance arrangements to give better effect to the matters set out in paragraph 2 above.

#### Parties to the Agreement

4. The Parties to the Agreement are the Kaikōura, Hurunui, Waimakariri, Selwyn, Ashburton, Timaru, Mackenzie, Waimate and Waitaki District Councils, the Christchurch City Council, and the Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury).

## Standing together for Canterbury

5. The Parties agree to work collaboratively and in good faith for the good governance and sustainable development of their districts, cities and region.

## Communication

6. The Parties value and will maintain open communication, collaboration and trust. In the interest of "no surprises", the Parties will give early notice of potential disagreements between, or actions likely to impact significantly on, other Parties.

## Significant new activities

7. When a Party is considering a major policy initiative or proposal that may have implications for other Parties, they will give early notification to the affected Parties and share the information with the Canterbury Mayoral Forum and the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum.

8. The Canterbury Regional Council will provide early advice to the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum and the Canterbury Mayoral Forum of any significant new activity, in addition to other requirements specified in s.16 of the Act.

# Local government structure in Canterbury

- 9. Notwithstanding the spirit of co-operation and collaboration embodied in the Agreement, the Parties, individually or collectively, reserve the right to promote, consult and/or research change to the structure of local government within the Canterbury region.
- 10. This right is consistent with the intent to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of local government (Local Government Act 2002 s.24AA), having particular regard to communities of interest and community representation.

# **Regional Policy Statement review**

11. The Agreement applies to any change, variation or review of the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement.

# Collaboration

- 12. The Parties commit to working collaboratively to:
  - enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities
  - promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future (Local Government Act 2002, s.10).
- 13. Collaboration may be undertaken on a whole of region, or sub-regional basis.
- 14. The primary mechanism to implement this Agreement is the Canterbury Mayoral Forum. The Forum will meet quarterly and operate in accordance with its agreed terms of reference, which are attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 15. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum will:
  - continue to provide governance of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy
  - develop and lead implementation of a sustainable development strategy for Canterbury region for the local government triennium 2023–25
  - advocate for the interests of the region, its councils and communities.
- 16. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum will be supported by the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum and other regional forums and working groups as agreed from time to time.
- 17. The Chief Executives Forum will:
  - report quarterly to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum on delivery of its work programme to implement and manage collaborative projects and agreed actions of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum

- identify and escalate to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum strategic issues and opportunities for collaboration from the Policy, Corporate and Operational Forums and other regional and sub-regional working groups.
- 18. As requested by the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, Environment Canterbury will host a permanent regional forums secretariat and resource this from the regional general rate.

#### Other agreements

19. This Agreement does not prevent the Parties from entering into other agreements among themselves or outside the Canterbury region. Any other such agreement should not, however, be contrary to the purpose and spirit of this Agreement.

#### Agreement to review

- 20. A triennial agreement may be varied by agreement between all the local authorities within the region and remains in force until local authorities ratify a new agreement.
- 21. Any one or more of the Parties can request an amendment to this Agreement by writing to the Chair of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum at least two weeks before a regular quarterly meeting of the Forum.
- 22. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum will review the Agreement no later than the final meeting before triennial local body elections and recommend any changes to the incoming councils.

#### Authority

23. This Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement 2023–25 is signed by the following on behalf of their respective authorities:

COUNCIL	SIGNATURE	DATE
Ashburton District Council Mayor		
Canterbury Regional Council		
Chair		
Christchurch City Council		
Mayor		
Chair Christchurch City Council		

Hurunui District Council Mayor
Kaikōura District Council Mayor
Mackenzie District Council Mayor
Selwyn District Council Mayor
Timaru District Council Mayor
Waimakariri District Council Mayor
Waimate District Council Mayor
Waitaki District Council Mayor

# Appendix 1: Canterbury Mayoral Forum terms of reference

#### 1. Name

The name of the group shall be the Canterbury Mayoral Forum.

## 2. Objectives

- (a) To provide a forum to enable Canterbury councils to work more collaboratively with each other and with central government and other key sector leaders in Canterbury to identify opportunities and solve problems together.
- (b) To identify and prioritise issues of mutual concern and foster co-operation, coordination and collaboration to address these issues (including where appropriate joint work plans).
- (c) To formulate policies and strategies on matters where all member councils may act collaboratively in determining plans for the co-ordination of regional growth.
- (d) To ensure increased effectiveness of local government in meeting the needs of Canterbury communities.
- (e) To act as an advocate to central government or their agencies or other bodies on issues of concern to members.
- (f) To develop and implement programmes, which are responsive to the needs and expectations of the community.

## 3. Principles

In pursuit of these objectives the Canterbury Mayoral Forum will observe the following principles.

- (a) Establish and maintain close liaison with other local government networks to ensure as far as possible the pursuit of common objectives and the minimisation of duplication.
- (b) Establish and maintain close liaison with Ministers of the Crown and local Members of Parliament.
- (c) Establish and maintain close liaison with a wide number of diverse stakeholders and key sector organisations within the region.
- (d) Exercise its functions with due regard to the tangata whenua and cultural diversity of the Canterbury community.
- (e) Keep the local community informed about its activities by proactively releasing information about key projects in a timely manner, as agreed by the member councils.
- (f) Encourage member councils to promote and apply cross-boundary structures and systems.
- (g) Establish a provision for reporting back to its respective Councils.

#### 4. Powers

- (a) The Canterbury Mayoral Forum shall have the power to:
  - (i) levy for any or all of its objects in such amount or amounts as may be mutually determined and acceptable to individual local authorities
  - (ii) determine and make payments from its funds for any or all of the purposes of its objects
  - (iii) receive any grant or subsidy and apply monies for the purposes of such grant or subsidy
  - (iv) fund appropriate aspects of the Forum's activities regionally.
- (b) The Canterbury Mayoral Forum does not have the power to legally bind any council to any act or decision unless that act or decision has been agreed to by decision of that council.

#### 5. Membership

(a) Membership of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum shall be open to the following councils: Ashburton District Council

> Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury) Christchurch City Council Hurunui District Council Kaikōura District Council Mackenzie District Council Selwyn District Council Timaru District Council Waimakariri District Council Waimate District Council Waitaki District Council.

- (b) Each member council shall be represented by its Mayor (or Chair in the case of Environment Canterbury) and supported by its Chief Executive. On occasions where the Mayor or Chair cannot attend, a council may be represented by its Deputy Mayor or Deputy Chair.
- (c) The Canterbury Mayoral Forum shall have the power to invite people to attend and participate in its meetings on a permanent and/or issues basis. The Forum has issued a standing invitation to the Kaiwhakahaere or other representative/s of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu to attend and participate in meetings of the Forum. The Kaiwhakahaere has indicated a process to determine representation from the ten Canterbury papatipu rūnanga of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu.

## 6. Chairperson

(a) The Canterbury Mayoral Forum shall select a Chair at the first meeting immediately following the Triennial Elections. This appointment may be reviewed after period of 18 months.

- (b) The Chair selected will preside at all meetings of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum.
- (c) The Canterbury Mayoral Forum shall select a Deputy Chair at the first meeting immediately following the Triennial Elections.
- (d) The Canterbury Mayoral Forum may appoint spokespersons from its membership for issues being considered, in which case each member council agrees to refer all requests for information and documents to the duly appointed spokespersons.

# 7. Meetings

- (a) Meetings will be held as required with an annual schedule, covering a calendar year, to be determined by the members. Meetings will be held quarterly at venues to be determined.
- (b) Special meetings may be called at the request of four members.
- (c) The secretariat will prepare an agenda for Mayoral Forum meetings in consultation with the Chair and the Chief Executives Forum.
- (d) Agendas for meetings will be issued and minutes will be taken and circulated.
- (e) A summary of each meeting will be drafted and shared on the Canterbury Mayoral Forum website for members to distribute within their councils as a high-level record of the meeting.
- (f) Approved minutes and approved final reports and papers will be made available via the Canterbury Mayoral Forum website as agreed by the Canterbury Mayoral Forum.

## 8. Decision making

- (a) The practice of the Forum will be to determine issues before it by consensus.
- (b) If the consensus is to determine issues by voting, the determination shall be determined by a majority of votes of the authorities represented at the meeting through the Mayor or Chair or their nominated representative.

## 9. Secretariat

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum will appoint Environment Canterbury to carry out the secretariat function on such terms and conditions as it shall decide for the discharge of duties. This includes taking minutes, keeping any books and accounts and attending to any other business of the forum.

# **Canterbury Mayoral Forum**

Date: 27 May 2022

Presented by: Ben Clark

# **Regional Public Service Commissioner Update**

# Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide an update from the Regional Public Service Commissioner on the activities of the Regional Leadership Group and respond to an earlier discussion on the Christchurch Social Policy Interagency Network (CSPIN).

# Recommendations

#### That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

- 1. receive the Regional Public Service Commissioner update
- 2. note that social policy is currently captured through the Regional Public Service Commissioner's work on regional priorities.

## Background

- 2. The Regional Leadership Group was established to ensure the region's system response to the COVID Protection Framework (CPF) is well prepared and has been meeting weekly. From 19 May the group will move to fortnightly meetings.
- 3. The Regional Public Service Commissioner is also responsible to identify shared priorities that the public service can jointly work towards for Canterbury. The shared plans and priorities are to be locally-informed, regionally-led and centrally-supported.

# Regional public sector plans and priorities

- 4. Following discussions at the November 2021 Canterbury Mayoral Forum, questions were raised about where social policy activities that had previously sat within the Christchurch Social Policy Interagency Network (CSPIN), were now being progressed.
- 5. The aims of CSPIN are now reflected in the work programme of the Regional Public Service. In particular, the intention to share planning, collaborate with key stakeholders across priorities and have a citizen focussed public service for better outcomes.
- 6. In addition, the Regional Public Service Commissioner is mandated to:

**Convene:** bring together, coordinate and align central regional leaders (supporting and building on existing groups) across the social, economic, skills and workforce, and environmental sectors, as it relates to regional leadership

**Resolve:** coordinate with other leaders to resolve barriers to achieving outcomes for communities. This coordination may include working collaboratively with existing groups, including with iwi/Māori, Pasifika, ethnic communities local government and regional stakeholders as necessary

**Escalate:** working with officials to identify barriers to achieving action/outcomes for communities and raise with the relevant Chief Executives group where resolution cannot be achieved at a regional, work programme or single agency level

#### **Christchurch Social Policy Interagency Network**

- 7. CSPIN was established and led by central government agencies and consisted of the regional managers, or their equivalent, of the agencies who had responsibility for social policy delivery in Christchurch, along with nominees of the Chief Executives of the Canterbury District Health Board and Christchurch City Council.
- 8. CSPIN was driven by central government agencies at a time when there was a move by agencies to strengthen policy and strategy into regional areas and provided resources and funds to support this work. There were a number of projects undertaken, with priority areas of work in the youth space. A specific piece of work produced was A Collaborative Plan for Christchurch Youth 2003-2006<sup>1</sup>.

#### **CERA Social Recovery**

9. Following the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes a lot of the work undertaken by CSPIN became part of CERA, focusing on earthquake recovery. Following the disestablishment of CERA, this work has either not progressed or stalled. Central government agencies have changed over time with the regions more focused on operational delivery of services with policy sitting at the central level.

## **Regional Public Service Commissioner update**

#### **Regional Public Sector Priorities**

- 10. In September 2019, Regional Public Service Leads (now Commissioners) were appointed, with a mandate to work with public service officials and regional stakeholders to develop locally-informed, regionally-led and centrally-supported plans and priorities. This work primarily supersedes the CSPIN and CERA social recovery activities.
- 11. COVID-19 priorities and restrictions have interrupted momentum with the priority work programme. Priorities to date are:
  - all tamariki and rangatahi in Canterbury reach their full potential

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>A Collaborative Plan For Christchurch Youth and Process Learnings Paper - Ministry of Social Development (msd.govt.nz)</u>
- workforce development transitioning Canterbury to become a more highly productive and sustainable economy
- addressing social housing concerns
- supporting mental wellbeing: improving access to health care for people with moderate mental health needs
- 12. The region's response to CPF has brought with it an opportunity for the region to strengthen collaboration across a wider range of agencies. Leveraging off this, including the representation that the RLG brings, will be beneficial as we work together on shared priorities (COVID and non-COVID related) across the public service.
- 13. Priorities will be reviewed in light of COVID-19 and the impact it has had on our region. The current priorities have strong merit both bottom-up and top-down (in terms of national Government focus), however there may be other areas also worthy of focus (*attachment 1*).
- 14. We note there are also overlapping areas of focus from last year's Mayoral workshops on Wellbeing (*attachment 2*).
- 15. The RPSC has recently recruited a Director Regional COVID Response/regional public service as well as a second advisor. We're keen to review our regional priorities in light of COVID as well as consider a future governance mechanism for improving our joint response to improving wellbeing across communities. There are also work programmes within MBIE that we'll be better resourced to align with, in particular around skills and economic development.
- 16. As we review current priorities, our team (via desktop and field visits) will:
  - check in with senior stakeholders on priority alignment
  - seek insights into initiatives/interventions that sit below the priorities
  - note additional priorities (evidence based) that would benefit from a more joinedup approach across government and stakeholders, including opportunities arising out of Budget 2022
  - acknowledge economic and social disruption caused by the impact of COVID-19 with a focus on building community resilience
- 17. The Regional Public Service Leadership Group will be the forum used to validate the priorities; however it is important to note that the views of the key stakeholders are an integral part in ensuring the priorities and the actions that sit beneath these reflect what is important to our region, community and whānau.
- 18. A mechanism for monitoring and evaluating the Regional Public Sector framework is being developed. Cabinet will be updated in June 2022, which will be based on this evaluation.

#### Attachments:

- Attachment 1: current national level workstreams
- Attachment 2: areas of focus

### Attachment 1

#### COVID-19 Protection Framework

**RPSC Role:** Cabinet mandate to regionally align and coordinate public service contribution to the CPF, including health, housing, welfare; central government representative on CPF regional leadership groups

Period of Involvement: 22 November 2021 - 30 June 2023

Are RPSCs funded by workstream: Yes; Approx. 5.5m to 6/2023

Lead agency: MSD, DPMC

Time Investment: High

Key Regions: All regions

#### Regional Public Service Priorities

**RPSC Role:** Support collaborative, crossagency work to address shared and complex issues affecting communities; align and coordinate central government effort with regional leaders who also share these priorities, including iwi, Māori groups, local government, business and community. Many priorities align with ministerial level priorities, such as housing, child wellbeing and employment growth.

Period of Involvement: Ongoing

Are RPSCs funded by workstream: No

**Time investment:** Varies by region, as each region will have different time investments based on their regional priorities.

Key Regions: All regions (See attached)

#### Child Youth Wellbeing Strategy

**RPSC Role:** Supporting regional alignment with the CYWS and promoting activities to deliver CYWS priorities regionally

Period of Involvement: Ongoing

Are RPSCs funded by workstream: No

Lead agency: DPMC

Time Investment: Varies across regions; medium

Key Regions: Bay of Plenty, Canterbury, Hawke's Bay/Tairāwhiti, Northland, Southland,

#### Kia Manawanui Aotearoa

**RPSC Role: Help strengthen national and** local cross-government coordination of strategies and activities that contribute to mental wellbeing and raise awareness and understanding

Period of Involvement: Ongoing

Are RPSCs funded by workstream: No

Lead agency: MoH

Time Investment: Low-medium

Key Regions: All

#### **School Attendance**

**RPSC Role:** Co-ordinate agencies at the regional level to support Ministry of Education-led priority around school attendance

Period of Involvement: Ongoing

Are RPSCs funded by workstream: No

Time Investment: Varies across regions; medium

Lead agency: MoE

**Key Regions:** All (variations in the extent of plan development across the regions. We do not yet have information on which regions these are)

#### Social Sector Commissioning

Regional Public Service Commissioner

Current National Level Workstreams

**RPSC Role:** Support and promote the introduction of a relational commissioning approach across the social sector

Period of Involvement: Ongoing

Are RPSCs funded by workstream: No

Time investment: Varies across regions; medium

Lead agency: MSD

**Key Regions:** Te Tai Tokerau, Tāmaki Makaurau, Waikato, Tairawhiti, Canterbury are regions with ICR sites in initial phase, all regions by 2024.

#### Te Aorerekura – FVSV National Strategy

**RPSC Role:** Support and facilitate implementation to give effect to the strategy with communities (Action Plan item 7)

**Period of Involvement:** From 2022 and will be ongoing

Are RPSCs funded by workstream: No. FSV may contribute to projects.

Lead agency: JVBU

Time Investment: TBC; possibly high

Key Regions: All regions

#### Just Transitions (Taranaki and Southland only)

**RPSC Role:** Southern: The former RPSCs chairs the Just Transitions partnership. This includes govt, local govt, iwi and communities. Taranaki: RPSC does not chair the group but has similar involvement.

Period of Involvement: past 2 years and ongoing

Are RPSCs funded by workstream: No.

Lead agency: MBIE

**Time Investment:** Medium -Taranaki; High - Southland

#### Regional Economic Development (Kānoa)

**RPSC Role:** Involved in regional economic development groups, these have visibility over applications

**Period of Involvement:** Intention that RPSCs involved in development and advice giving around bids.

Are RPSCs funded by workstream: No.

Lead agency: MBIE

Time Investment: Varies by region

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#### Regional Skills Leadership Groups

**RPSC Role:** Initially interim model co-chairs, now actively involved as member of the RSLG Working on implementing regional economic strategies

Period of Involvement: Ongoing

Are RPSCs funded by workstream: No.

Lead agency: MBIE

Time Investment: High

Key Regions: All regions

### Attachment 2:



# Priority themes are aligned with Mayoral Forun workshop outcome - May 2021



ACTIVATIONS Putting our local strengths into practice

## **Canterbury Mayoral Forum**

Date:27 May 2022Presented by:Jenny Hughey, Chair, Environment Canterbury

### **Canterbury Water Management Strategy update**

### Purpose

1. This paper provides an update on region-wide progress of Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) partners' work towards implementing the CWMS for the January to March 2022 period.

### Recommendation

#### That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. receive the CWMS update.

#### Update on region-wide progress towards implementing the CWMS

- 2. The CWMS is implemented throughout the Canterbury region by the CWMS partners via a range of statutory and non-statutory obligations and working collaboratively with agencies and community groups. While significant changes are being made to the resource management framework, including to how water is managed, the CWMS continues to successfully support environmental outcomes and remains a crucial mechanism for working collaboratively with our communities.
- 3. CWMS partners and zone committees are focused on reporting the delivery of actions to meet the 2025 goals (details provided in Attachment 1).

#### Zone and Regional committee updates

- 4. Zone committees have prioritised projects to fund through their CWMS Action Plan Budget of \$50,000 this financial year (established through Environment Canterbury's LTP 2021-2031). At present there are 39 projects recommended for financial support by zone committees across the region with 31 of these projects now approved for funding (see Attachment 1).
- 5. All zone committee action plan (ZCAP) projects are expected to have received funding by the end of May 2022 and work on the project to begin at the latest by July 2022.
- 6. With the disestablishment of the Hurunui Waiau Uwha Zone Committee in 2021, the Hurunui District Council is leading the establishment of a new Hurunui Water and Land Committee in conjunction with Environment Canterbury, and Kaikōura and Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga.

- 7. Environment Canterbury is liaising with Hurunui District Council and Ngāti Kurī to confirm how the \$50,000 of ZCAP budget available for the Hurunui Waiau Uwha water zone can be allocated this financial year. The Hurunui Land and Water Committee and the Regional Committee are expected to complete action plans once these committees are fully established.
- 8. The process to appoint the Ngāi Tahu representatives to the CWMS Regional Committee is underway. Information sessions are being organised for current committee members to connect and engage whilst the final appointments to the committee are made.

#### **RMA** planning and implementation

- 9. Five appeals to Plan Change 7 have been made to the High Court, on points of law, that will be worked through over the coming months. Provisions not under appeal can now be treated as operative. Further information can be found on the Environment Canterbury website<sup>1</sup>.
- 10. Environment Canterbury is reviewing its land and water plan framework to give effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020. Council is undertaking this review alongside the review of the Regional Policy Statement and Coastal Environment Plan, with the aim of creating an integrated planning framework that takes a ki uta ki tai approach to managing the region's resources.
- 11. The first step in this process is to establish how the review can best be approached in partnership with Papatipu Rūnanga. Environment Canterbury and Ngā Rūnanga have agreed to progress the partnership approach through wānanga and korero in 2022. A wānanga with Papatipu Rūnanga Chairs and Environment Canterbury councillors was held in March and good progress has been made. A further wānanga is scheduled for May to enable Rūnanga chairs and Councillors to co-develop their partnership arrangements for plan development.

### Key regional projects/campaigns

- 12. Environment Canterbury is working on a region-wide River Berm Transition project as part of the \$200M 'Resilient River Communities' national programme of work. River berms and margins are the strips of land next to the active part of the riverbed where there are areas of unstable gravels and flowing channels.
- 13. The project aims to increase the resilience of the river berms for flood and erosion protection and foster regeneration of native flora and fauna across 23 rivers throughout the Canterbury region. Although flood resilience values drove site selection, a broad river management view including biodiversity, climate change impacts, kaitiakitanga and community values were included to encompass broader river outcomes and create

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/plans-strategies-and-bylaws/canterbury-land-and-water-regional-plan/change-7/

multiple benefits to the environment and local communities. Details on the projects can be found at Resilient River Communities<sup>2</sup>.

- 14. Environment Canterbury staff are working with Rūnanga to restore and protect key priority sites, mahinga kai and waterways identified by Papatipu Rūnanga across the region. This programme will help achieve the CWMS Kaitiakitanga target and goals. Sixteen projects are being developed with eight Papatipu Rūnanga. Four projects have completed significant investigation work (e.g. habitat investigation or toxicology testing).
- 15. Wilding conifers have significant impacts on Canterbury's native ecosystems including, local extinction of native plant communities, the drying of wetlands and riparian areas, and resulting impacts on native fauna through the loss of habitat.
- 16. The **National Wilding Conifer Control Programme** (NWCCP) is a voluntary programme with landowners contributing 20% of the cost on control on their property and the NWCCP covering the remaining 80%. The NWCCP is making good progress nationally and in Canterbury. Over \$2.3 million of wilding control work has been completed in Canterbury over the last quarter comprising over 50,000 hectares of aerial control and over 3,000 hectares of ground control.
- 17. Long-term funding through the programme (beyond 2024) is not certain and landowners are encouraged to plan for maintenance costs in future. In the long term the investment made by the Crown and landowners to reduce wilding spread through the NWCCP will be protected through the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan.
- 18. Environment Canterbury is continuing to work closely with all Canterbury territorial authorities and industry to progress an in-depth **programme of compliance monitoring** of their drinking water takes, wastewater and stormwater discharge consents and development of action plans to address issues identified.
- 19. A new **Regional Wastewater Forum** met this quarter under the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, reporting to the Operations Forum. This forum sits alongside the Regional Stormwater Forum and Drinking Water Reference Group to support regulation and good practice for three waters activity in Canterbury.
- 20. A multi-year on-site wastewater awareness and compliance campaign approach is being developed to ensure required resource consents are in place to reduce risks to contamination of groundwater and drinking water supplies. Issues with **on-site wastewater systems** have been exemplified by community concerns and consenting issues, particularly in Ashburton and more recently, Birdlings Flat.
- 21. **Two government-funded research programmes** led by Crown Research Institutes (NIWA<sup>3</sup> and Manaaki Whenua<sup>4</sup>) working with industry on better use of irrigation water

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.resilientrivers.nz/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://niwa.co.nz/irrigationinsight

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/news/maximising-value-from-irrigation/

have been completed. Results provide insights useful for future irrigation approaches based on relative water 'scarcity' (rather than 'abundance') and where careful water management is essential to minimise impacts of farm run-off. Attention to these factors reduces the scale of required supply infrastructure (e.g., storage, distribution) and indicates the value of a reliable supply.

- 22. The following **water infrastructure projects** to improve water quality, increase river flows and groundwater levels continue to be trialled in the region:
  - the Selwyn/Waikirikiri Near River Recharge (NRR) scheme has successfully completed commissioning processes, with measurably increased targeted river reach and down-gradient spring flows during recharge operations as anticipated
    - logging of the 24 ha pine plantation at the NRR site is complete. Additional native planting options are being investigated to plant this 24 ha in a native forest, adding to the successful 3.5 ha of stage 1 native plantings
  - following 5 years of successful trials, Hekeao Hinds Water Enhancement Trust are beginning a consenting process to increase managed aquifer recharge and near river recharge sites from a sub-catchment scale to full-catchment (Hekeao Hinds Plains) scale
  - case studies have been developed to assist groundwater irrigators in the Hekeao Hinds Plains to utilise the nutrients in their groundwater and thereby reduce their external fertiliser requirements.

### **Central government policy**

- 23. The Ministry for the Environment's consultation on *Improving the protection of drinking-water sources: Proposed changes to the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Sources of Human Drinking Water) Regulations 2007* closed on 6 March 2022. While the proposed amendments would strengthen and align national direction for protection and management of source water, Environment Canterbury submitted on concerns with some aspects of the proposal. For example, the need to ensure alignment with other freshwater and drinking water regulations, and clarity over roles and responsibilities of regional councils, territorial authorities, Taumata Arowai and drinking water suppliers in the management of source water.
- 24. Taumata Arowai consulted on drafts for the new Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules, Drinking Water Standards, Aesthetic Values, and Acceptable Solutions for spring and bore drinking water supplies, rural agricultural water supplies, and roof water supplies. It also consulted on a framework for the development of a drinking water network environmental performance measures document. The submission period closed on 28 March 2022. Several Canterbury councils, including Environment Canterbury submitted on the technical aspects of the draft rules and associated document, while the Canterbury Mayoral Forum submitted from a regional perspective.
- 25. Consultation has also now closed on the Ministry for the Environment's consultation document *Our Future Resource Management System*. 150 groups provided written submissions on the consultation document, including 36 from local government. Ministry

officials are now reviewing submissions, with advice used to inform ministerial decisions on the design of the Strategic Planning Act and Natural and Built Environments Act. Bills for the Strategic Planning Act and Natural and Built Environments Act are expected to be introduced to Parliament near the end of 2022. The public will then have the opportunity to submit on the bills, with consideration through a select committee process.

- 26. The Ministry is also progressing work on development of the Climate Adaptation Act (CAA) which forms the third limb of a reformed resource management system. Consultation on the CAA will occur later in 2022, alongside development and consultation on the first National Adaptation Plan.
- 27. The Future for Local Government independent review panel is currently focused on undertaking public engagement about the future of local governance and democracy in New Zealand, alongside research and policy development. This engagement included meeting individually with all councils in March and April. The panel also plan to engage with iwi. After completing that work, the panel will report to the Minister of Local Government with draft findings and recommendations in October. Formal consultation on their draft report and recommendations will then commence late 2022.

#### **Essential Freshwater implementation**

- 28. The Supporting Land Use Adaption in a Changing Climate project led by Ashburton District Council was approved for funding by Our Land and Water in November 2021. It is an eight-month project investigating how farmers' land use and climate change adaption practises are influenced by how information on climate change research is presented to them. This project's results will influence the design of the Resilient Business programme which is due to commence in late 2022.
- 29. A desktop review to understand factors which affect farmers' engagement with climate change messaging and how that information affects decision making on farm has been completed.
- 30. The review highlights a disconnect between the findings of climate change research and how these climate change impacts are presented to farmers, leading to generally low engagement with farmers on climate change issues. The review notes that climate change data is often not presented in a way that farmers can apply easily to their business.
- 31. In the next quarter, the findings of the review will be 'road tested' with several farmer focus groups to identify ways in which farmers can be more effectively engaged on climate change matters. The full report incorporating the review and feedback from the focus groups will be available in August 2022.
- 32. Alongside reviewing the regional land and water planning framework, Environment Canterbury continues to develop its approach to implementing the new requirements of the Essential Freshwater package and provides regular updates on the Environment

Canterbury website<sup>5</sup>. This includes developing campaigns (including key messages, factsheets and resources) for wetland protection, synthetic nitrogen cap and intensive winter grazing to help landowners understand the requirements of the Essential Freshwater National Environmental Standards.

- 33. In the last quarter new information and guidance was provided via the Environment Canterbury website<sup>6</sup> on Essential Freshwater including on Freshwater Farm Plans, stock exclusion, agricultural intensification, feedlots and fish passage.
- 34. These webpages provide guidance on how to comply with the Essential Freshwater regulations with information on key dates, what reporting is required when, and advice on what requires a resource consent.
- 35. Following the Government's review of the Overseer<sup>®</sup> nutrient management tool, Environment Canterbury initiated a work programme to respond to immediate and longer-term issues raised by the review. Papatipu Rūnanga, farm consultants, managers of irrigation schemes and auditors were engaged on the findings of the review.
- 36. Farm Environment Plan (FEP) auditing and associated compliance monitoring has resumed in areas where agreement has been reached with Papatipu Rūnanga on the interim approach (for all of Canterbury south of the Hurunui river). FEP Auditing was put on hold in 2021 following the Government's review of Overseer<sup>®</sup>. An interim approach to FEP Auditing, that reduces reliance on the use of Overseer<sup>®</sup>, has been developed and longer-term options will be considered through the regulatory approach in development.
- 37. Environment Canterbury has also been working on an approach to transition from current FEPs to Freshwater Farm Plans, which will be required as part of the Government's Essential Freshwater package. This includes engaging with the Ministry for the Environment on how this transition could occur in Canterbury, where there is a well-established and widespread FEP system already in place.
- 38. Technical work continues to support the amendments required to the regulatory framework (to give effect to central government's Essential Freshwater package, achieving Te Mana o te Wai) which must be notified by 2024. This includes a significant body of science work to identify and communicate the current state of freshwater, identifying a longer-term solution to the Overseer<sup>®</sup> review, identifying how to integrate existing FEPs into the proposed Freshwater Farm Plan framework, and assessing what going beyond Good Management Practices will look like in the future.

#### **Attachments**

Attachment 1: Zone Committee Action Plans

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <u>https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/your-environment/water/essential-freshwater-package</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/farmers-hub/essential-freshwater-package-farmers-guide/

### Attachment 1 Zone Committee Action Plan overview - January to March 2022

CWMS Zone	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
Regional Committee	To be developed once committee established	ТВС
Kaikōura	Ki uta ki tai projects Support kaitiakitanga	Hāpuku Catchment Collective Project is supporting on-the-ground actions working towards CWMS outcomes in the catchment with a long-term view of creating a catchment group. This year's focus is on protecting native vegetation by controlling climbing vines considered to be major threats.
	Enhance biodiversity and improve amenity and recreation values	<ul> <li>Puhi Peaks Shearwater Stream Trapline Project to install two traplines to give further protection to breeding colonies of Hutton's shearwaters (Puffinus huttoni) as well as protect other native biodiversity.</li> <li>Funding the Department of Conservation Community Trap Library which supports the Kaikōura community to become more engaged in local conservation through backyard</li> </ul>
	Support community to respond to change Facilitate understanding of catchment systems	<ul> <li>trapping.</li> <li>At the request of the Kaikōura District Council the Committee continues its project looking at the risks posed by shingle deposits up the Kōwhai River. The Committee is working with Environment Canterbury around mitigation options and participating in River Rating meetings.</li> </ul>
Hurunui Waiau	To be developed once committee established	TBC

CWMS Zone	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
Waimakariri	Improved monitoring of water resources Biodiversity improvements Braided Rivers Recreation resources Mahinga kai improvements	<ul> <li>An inanga spawning habitat enhancement project in Taranaki Stream is being funded in partnership between Environment Canterbury and Waimakariri District Council. This project will focus on regrading and planting of 105m of the true right bank of the Taranaki Stream above the floodgate to improve inanga spawning habitat.</li> <li>Supporting two monitoring projects in the lower Ashley Rakahuri River catchment by funding the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group to extend their monitoring of shorebirds around the Estuary during the coming breeding season.</li> <li>Funding the Sefton Saltwater Creek Catchment Group to monitor two intermittent hill fed streams and three spring fed streams with the aims of providing long term 'current state' monitoring data supporting a better whole of catchment understanding to identify issues and mitigation options.</li> <li>Funding the newly formed Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust to help establish its vision and approach to supporting biodiversity in the district. The Trust is also receiving funding from the District Council to assist the Trust's establishment.</li> <li>Funding Pines Beach Wetland project to assist with willow control and extend the Tūhaitara Coastal Park Trust vision for this area, balancing biodiversity and cultural values with recreational access through the park.</li> <li>The Northbrook Trail project is situated beside working farmland with the proposed trail providing an opportunity to build a rural and urban connection. The walkway aims to highlight the cultural and historic significance of the area and allow space for riparian restoration and mahinga kai improvements.</li> </ul>
Christchurch- West Melton	Enhance mahinga kai Engage community Enhance ecosystem health	<ul> <li>Funding to support the Stormwater Superhero campaign and delivery of the Stormwater Superhero mobile resource, stream planting projects, Te Tiriti training for community groups and remote sensing in Otukaikino catchment to aid planning enhancement projects.</li> <li>The Committee is also developing a Stormwater Superhero awareness campaign with help from Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury.</li> <li>The Committee is helping develop the Community Waterways Partnership virtual hub to facilitate sharing of information and events between a range of organisations working to improve waterway health.</li> <li>The Christchurch City Council is funding native planting on Port Hills to reduce erosion and increase biodiversity.</li> </ul>
Banks Peninsula	Enhance mahinga kai	Funding provided for planting and fencing upper Sam's Creek; protecting springs in Le Bons Bay; fencing stream in Pigeon Bay; Okuti wetland project; ecological and cultural assessment Te Ahu Pātiki.

CWMS Zone	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
	Engage community Enhance ecosystem health	<ul> <li>Investigating improving fish passage in Omaru Stream, Rāpaki with help from Christchurch City Council.</li> <li>Looking into landowner needs for a soil conservation programme.</li> </ul>
Selwyn-Waihora	Healthy Waikirikiri/Selwyn River Enhance mahinga kai, recreation	<ul> <li>Funding the establishment of a catchment group in the Waikirikiri/Selwyn River Catchment.</li> <li>Boat Creek Reserve Native Restoration project, which is supported by the Water and Wildlife Habitat Trust.</li> </ul>
	and amenity values Catchment nutrient targets and water quality outcomes Healthy Te Waihora	<ul> <li>In March the Zone Committee received a briefing on the draft management plan for the Ararira / LII drainage catchment from representatives of the Living Water partnership (led by DOC &amp; Fonterra). This plan focuses on managing the drainage network to enable it to support ecological and cultural values, while also providing land drainage and the changes required of the network's functional design as well as the community's expectations of these systems and their maintenance. This 'Drains to Streams' project is seeks to create a blueprint for this change. The draft plan will be presented to Selwyn District Council in May.</li> </ul>
Ashburton	Focus on the Hekeao Hinds Catchment Improve ecosystem health and biodiversity	<ul> <li>Funding towards cost of real-time nitrate sensors for the Hekeao Community Wetland. This constructed serpentine wetland will test Dairy NZ's guidance on constructed wetlands. The evaluation of the effectiveness of various options at reducing nitrates will inform decisions by other landowners wishing to construct wetlands on their properties.</li> <li>Start-up funding for the newly formed Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective (MCCC) to employ a coordinator and set up strategy, marketing and administration. The MCCC will provide valuable support and guidance for catchment groups across Mid Canterbury.</li> </ul>
Orari-Temuka- Opihi-Pareora	Mahinga kai and tuhituhi neherā sites protection and enhancement Safe and reliable community drinking water	<ul> <li>Financially supported Te Ana Ngāi Tahu Māori Rock Art Trust's large planting day at one their rock art sites. Attended by Timaru District Council, Environment Canterbury, local businesses and community members. Mahinga kai enhancement, tuhituhi o neherā (Māori rock art) and community education are ongoing priorities for this project.</li> <li>Planning underway to host private drinking water testing and information sessions in May/June 2022. This will be a road show format within three districts (Timaru, Waimate and Mackenzie).</li> </ul>
	Raise awareness of impacts of human activities on land and water	<ul> <li>Funding a combined Timaru District Council and Environment Canterbury project within the Te Ahi Tarakihi catchment to restore a wetland within a Mataitai Zone and educate local business and the community on the impacts of contaminants into stormwater and the creek.</li> </ul>

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CWMS Zone	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
Upper Waitaki	Improved management and preservation of recreational values of Waitaki Lakes	• 'Poo in the Loo' campaign run over 2021/22 summer. Ongoing engagement with Mackenzie District Council regarding the enhancement of Lake Ruataniwha Recreation Reserve and toilet facilitates.
	Support establight groups to	<ul> <li>Funding the Omarama Water User Group to investigate and implement technology that can improve nutrient loss management in the Omarama/Ahuriri catchment.</li> </ul>
	Support catchment groups to reduce contaminant loss	<ul> <li>Discussions held on presence of cyanobacteria in Whakatipu Twizel River and median nitrate readings being consistently above the Canterbury LWRP limits. Planning underway to host a community information session to encourage the formation of a local catchment</li> </ul>
	Community engagement	group.
Lower Waitaki	Educating, motivating and inspiring communities	Funding the Hakataramea Sustainability Collective to purchase nursery equipment for the Waitaki Valley School Biodiversity Education Project.
	Waihao River and catchment and Wainono Lagoon	<ul> <li>Zone Committee, Waimate District Council, and Environment Canterbury joint urban stormwater education campaign that included Sea Week beach clean-up at Waihao Box. Further community engagement events planned for next summer.</li> </ul>

## **Canterbury Mayoral Forum**

Date: 27 May 2022 Presented by: Mayor Dan Gordon, Waimakariri

### Education and training leadership and governance

### Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on the Mayoral Forum's advocacy on education and training matters, and provide the context for the presentation from the RSLG co-chairs (Karena Brown and Elizabeth Brown) on the work of the Canterbury Regional Skills Leadership Group (RSLG).

### Recommendation

#### That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. note the information in this paper.

### Background

- 2. The Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury has four education-related actions under the objective 'inclusive prosperity and improved economic and social wellbeing in Canterbury'. The actions are:
  - advocate for the transition of secondary students to work and/or further study and training
  - advocate with Government for education and immigration policies that deliver a skilled workforce now and into the future
  - facilitate a forum of key regional education and training agencies to enable the exchange of ideas and support collaboration
  - advocate for the safe return of international students post-COVID-19.
- 3. The Mayoral Forum has written to ministers on points 1, 2 and 4 at the beginning of the current Government's term. The Forum also made a submission discussing these and related matters to the Productivity Commission's review into New Zealand's immigration settings in 2021.
- 4. The Forum also discussed education and training matters with the Vice-Chancellor of Lincoln University and the director of Canterbury University's Knowledge Commons in November 2020. A visit to Lincoln University occurred on 29 April, and visits to Ara and the University of Canterbury are booked in for July.

- 5. On point 3, the Mayoral Forum has continued to facilitate an Education and Training Governance Group, chaired by me. The governance group was originally established under the CREDS (Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy) in 2015.
- 6. Central government established regional skills leadership groups (RSLGs) in 2020 to identify and support better ways of meeting future skills and workforce needs in New Zealand's regions and cities.

### Mayoral Forum's Education and Training Governance Group

- 7. As noted above, the Education and Training Governance Group was established under the CREDS in 2015 to enable the exchange of ideas and support collaboration.
- 8. Membership consists of tertiary education providers, economic development agencies, and local and central government representatives:
  - Mayor Dan Gordon, Waimakariri District Council (Chair)
  - Dawn Baxendale, Chief Executive, Christchurch City Council
  - Nigel Davenport, Chief Executive, Venture Timaru
  - Simon Anderson, ChristchurchNZ
  - Charlie Davey, Principal Advisor, Ministry of Education
  - Hamish Cochrane, Lincoln University joint Lincoln-AgResearch facility
  - Grant Edwards, Vice Chancellor Lincoln University
  - Darren Mitchell, Chief Executive, Ara Institute
  - Tony Hall, Governing Director, Community Colleges NZ
  - Doug Reid, Chief Executive, Community Colleges NZ
  - Trevor McIntyre, consultant
  - Dr Eruera Tarena, Executive Director, Tokona te Raki
  - Ian Wright, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Canterbury University.
- 9. Although the Group has a purpose as outlined in the Plan for Canterbury, it does not have a terms of reference to guide its operation and priorities.
- 10. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Group last met in February 2021. Key matters discussed at that meeting included:
  - a roundtable of updates on how COVID-19 has affected education providers
  - an initial discussion on the operation of the Group going forward, where it was agreed the next meeting would concentrate on identifying priorities for the remainder of the 2020-22 period
  - a discussion about progress with the Reform of Vocational Education programme

- an update on the activities of the interim RSLG, and a brief discussion about the intersect between the RSLG and the governance group.
- 11. The Group planned to identify its priorities when it is next able to meet.

### **Regional Skills Leadership Group**

- 12. Interim Regional Skills Leadership Groups were formed in June 2020 by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to identify and support better ways of meeting future skills and workforce needs in New Zealand's regions and cities. Jim Palmer, former chief executive at Waimakariri District Council, was chair of Canterbury's interim Regional Skills Leadership Group. The permanent co-chairs of the Canterbury's Regional Skills Leadership Group (RSLG) were announced in June 2021, and the permanent membership is almost complete.
- 13. RSLGs are part of a joined-up approach to labour market planning which will see workforce, education and immigration systems working together to better meet the differing skills needs across the country. They are set up to provide independent advice which employers and government agencies can act on; they are not advocacy or lobby groups.
- 14. Membership of the RSLGs include:
  - Business and worker representatives to reflect the views from both the 'demand' and 'supply' side of the labour market
  - a local government representative, who may be drawn from an Economic Development Agency
  - iwi/Māori representatives
  - community representatives to ensure diversity of experience and perspective around the table
  - the relevant Regional Public Service Commissioner.

### Membership

- 15. The co-chairs appointed in June 2021 to the Canterbury RSLG are Karena Brown (E Tū) and Liz Brown (Ngāi Tahu; iwi co-chair).
- 16. The permanent members are:
  - Simon Anderson, Christchurch NZ
  - Sandy Brinsdon, Canterbury DHB
  - Ben Clark, Regional Public Service Commissioner
  - Nigel Davenport, Venture Timaru
  - Nicole Forster, Senior Leader Ryman Healthcare and business owner

- Tori McNoe, Programme Manager at UniServices & Director
- Chelsea Rapp, Digital Screen Campus Programme Manager, University of Canterbury
- Amanda Smidt, Career Development Company
- Briana Te Haara Barr, Rangatahi Intern, Māori Futures Academy at Tokona Te Raki
- Adrian Teika, Director SES Contracting
- Paul Watson, Regional Secretary, First Union
- Di McDermott, Regional Commissioner, MSD (permanent official).
- 17. Three current members complete their terms at the end of June; three new members will commence from 1 July 2022.
- 18. There is a small cross-over of membership with the Mayoral Forum group both Simon Anderson (ChristchurchNZ) and Nigel Davenport (Venture Timaru) are on the Mayoral Forum's Education and Training Governance Group and the RSLG.

#### Role, functions and work programme

- 19. RSLGs were established to focus on planning and addressing labour market issues in New Zealand's regions. Initially, the immediate focus was on the COVID-19 impacts of the regional workforce and labour market factors. The permanent RSLGs will identify the changes needed to achieve a high-skill regional labour market.
- 20. A key purpose of the RSLGs is to develop Regional Workforce Plans. These plans will explore specific focus areas and consider labour market challenges, opportunities and solutions.
- 21. RSLGs will inform government activities and decisions education, welfare and immigration agencies will act on the groups' advice to make sure the right skills are developed and available; Workforce Development Councils will know what skills are in demand regionally, and can tailor their programmes so they provide the courses, apprenticeships, pre-employment training, and qualifications for a region's needs; the welfare system can ensure that employment initiatives and spending move people into long-term, fulfilling careers; and the immigration system can provide any extra skilled workers needed, while continuing to prioritise jobs for New Zealanders.
- 22. RSLGs will also help to inform local initiatives schools and careers advisors will get clearer information about current and future skills that will be in demand, to support school leavers to make good career decisions; employers and schools will get support to connect to attract school leavers into local training and jobs that will be needed; and training providers, skills hubs and local economic development initiatives will have the right information to tailor their programmes to meet their region's labour force and skills needs.

- 23. To prepare for the transition from an interim to permanent RSLG, an environmental scan and a profile of Canterbury's labour market and future challenges were completed in 2021 and made publicly available prior to Christmas<sup>1</sup>.
- 24. These documents are a valuable step in the process to develop a regional workforce plan for Canterbury, and provide a wealth of information including Canterbury's education, skills and employment profile and an overview of the key barriers and enablers to future labour market participation in the region.
- 25. For context, it should be noted that although part of the Waitaki District is in the Canterbury local government boundary, Waitaki is fully included in the Otago RSLG. It therefore does not feature in the work of the Canterbury RSLG (and therefore these reports).
- 26. The RSLG also produces quarterly regional insights reports, which give an overview of the challenges and opportunities for the regional labour market. The most recent quarterly report, from March 2022, is **attached** for information.
- 27. The RSLG is currently considering the first iteration of its Regional Workforce Plan. This focuses on three key sectors (Technology, Manufacturing, and Healthcare & Social Assistance) and one demographic group (Rangatahi). These groups will be analysed with consideration to the impact that they have on the whole of the region's labour market. Engagement and testing have also occurred with a number of stakeholders from the focus areas. The finalised plan will be available from 1 July 2022.

#### Intersect between RSLG and Mayoral Forum's Governance Group

- 28. The establishment of the RSLG has meant that there is now clear responsibility for improving labour market alignment in Canterbury. The RSLG's work programme aligns well with the education and training goals and activities agreed as part of the CREDS and more recently the Plan for Canterbury. The RSLG is well-resourced to achieve its goals.
- 29. Given the risk of duplication of work, Dawn and I have sought views from Governance Group members about whether the Group should continue in its current form, or what direction it might take, and how the Mayoral Forum can enrich, or add to, rather than duplicate the work of the RSLG.
- 30. Governance Group members are cognisant of the intersect between it and the RSLG. Members have identified some gaps in the current RSLG work programme, some of which may give insights into where the Group (or Mayoral Forum) could focus its work on education and training matters going forward:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Environmental scan highlights: <u>https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/17898-canterbury-2021-environmental-scan-highlights;</u> profile of Canterbury's labour market and future challenges: <u>https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/17916-profile-of-canterburys-labour-market-and-future-challenges</u>

- Ara not having a seat on the RSLG or its working/reference groups
- lack of a tertiary education reference group to advise/consult with RSLG
- migration is not being addressed anywhere by RSLGs.
- 31. There may be an opportunity to further discuss these gaps with the co-chairs during their presentation. I understand the RSLG is actively working on resolving the first two points above.
- 32. Dawn Baxendale and I have begun initial discussions with the RSLG co-chairs about where and how the Mayoral Forum (through the Governance Group or otherwise) can add value to its work, and mechanisms for ongoing links and engagement between the Forum and the RSLG.
- 33. Once options are identified, and a proposal for how future engagement between the Mayoral Forum and RSLG might look, we will bring this to the Forum for discussion.

#### **Attachments**

• Canterbury RSLG: March 2022 Local Insights Report

## Canterbury **REGIONAL SKILLS LEADERSHIP GROUP**

## **Canterbury Local Insights Report: March 2022**



### **TOP REGIONAL INSIGHTS**

The first iteration of the Canterbury Regional Skills Leadership Group's (RSLG) Regional Workforce Plan (RWP) focuses on three key sectors (Technology, Manufacturing, and Healthcare & Social Assistance) and one demographic group (Rangatahi). These groups will be analysed with consideration to the impact that they have on the whole of the region's labour market. Engagement and testing have also occurred with a number of stakeholders from the focus areas. The finalised plan will be available from 1 July 2022.

Rangatahi are primarily reaching out to their peers for careers advice and guidance, as opposed to relying on traditional school careers advisors or their parents. At a recent RSLG hui with rangatahi from around Christchurch, rangatahi shared their experiences and journeys navigating from school to further education or training. They spoke of the ease of access and trust they had with their peers when looking at options and making decisions. Canterbury RSLG will be looking at careers support for young people through their Regional Workforce Plan.

The Canterbury manufacturing sector is experiencing labour shortages and rising businesses costs which are being exacerbated by ongoing supply chain difficulties. These have increased export and import costs and significantly disrupted business scheduling and reliability of logistics planning. During the RSLGs recent sector engagement, there were widespread stories of businesses unable to complete or take on large scale orders as materials and skilled labour became more and more scarce. Minimising situations like this will clearly only provide positive effects for the region's economy.

Businesses are struggling to operate as staff and whānau illness, as well as isolations, increase. In some cases temporary closures have been necessary as a result of the current COVID-19 wave. In larger businesses, reduced staffing numbers have been planned for through business continuity plans, however, many smaller businesses don't have that flexibility and are needing to react as staffing situations present themselves.





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Source: Infometrics online portal

### TOP LABOUR MARKET OPPORTUNITIES

- 1. The new \$344 million Antarctica research base will be built in Timaru and is expected to create hundreds of jobs over the next six years. Construction is expected to begin once the design and planning is complete in 2022, and it's estimated there will be 170 jobs involved during peak construction, with more than 700 jobs created overall. It is expected this project will bring millions of dollars of investment into the Timaru district, benefiting everyone from trades and subcontractors, to accommodation and hospitality providers.
- 2. University of Canterbury are currently establishing a new online platform (UC Online) which will be a fully online academic unit. The phased design approach will see this platform grow in content and partners. The intent is to also engage industry leaders to help design content that will support future qualification and skill needs. This will be the only NZ education entity specifically targeted at students who choose to study online.
- 3. A cluster of Canterbury tech companies are looking to form an alliance to codesign a new approach to skills attraction. The Canterbury Tech Sector Skills Pilot will look at how to attract, embrace and support those with dyslexia into the sector. The co-design model will include a reference group made up of experts in the field of dyslexia and those struggling with the challenges of dyslexia.
- 4. A collaboration opportunity has been identified to align RSLGs RWP actions with a **new Christchurch NZ initiative**. The focus will be on aligning objectives to support industry to attract, recruit and retain more women into their workplaces. This has emerged as a priority through RSLG engagement with sector focus groups such as manufacturing and technology.

### **TOP LABOUR MARKET CHALLENGES**

- 1. Attracting, retaining and developing an appropriately skilled and experienced tech workforce is a significant issue, both within Canterbury, but also nationally and globally. It has become clear that there is a need to develop both a stronger domestic talent pipeline as well as enable immigration settings that allow specialised overseas talent to support the current and future needs of this sector. The Canterbury RWP will focus on actions that will assist the sector to address some of these challenges.
- 2. The wellbeing of employees and employers in Canterbury's rural sector is being further affected as staff absences increase. Increased COVID-19 cases are adding to an already challenging business environment where employers are struggling to get necessary farming tasks completed. These absences are coming on top of the sector having experienced negative weather events including floods, and excess rain at harvest time. They are also not easily able to move stock off the land due to meat processing plants working at reduced hours due to staff absences. All these negative effects are increasing outgoings and reducing incomes, which are expected to have a long-term effect on the health of the sector's workforce and long-term business viability.
- 3. Staff from tech firms in Canterbury are being headhunted to work in Australia and the UK. COVID-19 has increased employers need to recruit from offshore and amplified their understanding that the only barrier to talent working offshore is time zones. One of the country's largest tech exporters, who is based in Christchurch, suggests New Zealand could reverse that trend. If they were able to seize the opportunity for "New Zealand Inc" to play on the global stage, there is a large employee market overseas and New Zealand has a global brand that the tech workforce here can take advantage of.

Canterbury rose by 48.4% in January 2022 compared to January 2021. Ahead of New Zealand as a whole which had an increase of 36.5%

Source: Christchurch NZ

## **OUR FOCUS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS:**

- Continue to engage with key focus sectors/groups and partners to help shape the first iteration of the Regional Workforce Plan
- Finalise draft content of the Regional Workforce Plan to share with key stakeholders and partners
- Explore and test potential actions with external parties to contribute to the final draft of the RWP

#### **TRENDS AT A GLANCE**

As at the December 2021 quarter, the Canterbury region had a lower rate of young people Not In Education Employment or Training (NEET) compared to the national average (9.4% vs 11.3% total NZ). However, this still equates to approximately 8,200 young people who could be in the workforce or training.

The health care and social assistance sector has a much higher share of female workers than the Canterbury labour market as a whole. In 2021, female workers accounted for 81% of the workforce compared to 46.5% in the total Canterbury labour market.

Canterbury has one of the largest tech environments in the country with its tech sector contributing \$2.4 billion worth of GDP and over 15,000 jobs.



## **Canterbury Mayoral Forum**

#### **Date:** 27 May 2022

Presented by: Craig Rowley, FFIP and Digital Connectivity lead mayor

### **CREDS** update

### Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on CREDS activities.

### Recommendation

#### That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. note the updates on CREDS projects.

### Background

- 2. The CREDS programme comprised several projects funded by the Provincial Growth Fund.
- 3. This paper provides an update on the Food and Fibre Innovation Programme (FFIP), including from Leftfield Innovation, and on advocacy activities following the completion of the second phase of the Digital Connectivity Mobile Blackspots project.

### Food & Fibre Innovation Programme

- 4. The Food and Fibre Innovation Programme (FFIP) continues to progress well.
- 5. The visual industry ecosystem roadmap created by the University of Canterbury and ChristchurchNZ has been reviewed by stakeholders and now final approval is being sought by the innovation ecosystem organisations included on the roadmap.
- 6. A website, media and distribution plan have been developed, with the intention to launch the roadmap at the Food, Fibre and Agritech Challenge Finale on 21 June.
- 7. The incubator pipelines with FoodSouth and Te Ohaka are nearing completion of their Forum-funded year but will continue to incubate new businesses thanks to ongoing funding secured from Callaghan Innovation.
- 8. Lilo Desserts, Black Doris, MenuAid and Othernature are in the Te Ōhaka incubator currently, while Mylk Made has exited to enter the Countdown incubator, which is a positive outcome. Ananda, Rollickin, Fog Foods, Grater Goods and Berkano are in the FoodSouth incubator. The advisors in the incubators have provided support and

guidance on strategy, products, pricing and growth. New manufacturing is occurring in market as a result of these workstreams.

- 9. UC ThincLab is redesigning their incubation programme to improve outcomes, as the programme was not achieving desired results for researchers. This will result in the programme being rolled into the next financial year to complete.
- 10. ChristchurchNZ is continuing to facilitate meetings to support and grow agri-biotech, and is currently researching how a shared equipment facility for agri-biotech could be supported. A discovery workshop is being held in June on this shared facility.

#### Leftfield Innovation vegetable and berryfruit reports

- 11. Leftfield Innovation has provided an update following completion of the work they did for the Forum on land-use transformation. This work explored opportunities for existing Canterbury farms to diversify to include a range of sustainable land uses, and resulted in the publication of a vegetable report and a berryfruit report, which were provided to the Forum in February.
- 12. Since the vegetable report was published Leftfield has continued work with NZTE to understand the export market opportunities for the seven new potential vegetable crops identified. The countries of interest have been expanded to include North America, UAE, India and Indonesia, and NZTE have provided their updated HNS (import/export) codesbased research.
- 13. In March Leftfield signed a scope of work for NZTE to provide more in-depth analysis on the market opportunity for garlic and green beans in North America (USA and Canada); and for NZTE to also provide a brief overview of kimchi products/finished fermented products in North America. Leftfield are meeting with NZTE next week to receive the market insights from the garlic and green beans research.
- 14. Leftfield met with HortNZ/VegetablesNZ in April to brief them on the project and seek their interest to participate in detailed market analysis led by NZTE. This analysis requires at least two commercial entities to partner in the market insights work. Two Canterbury growers have been identified and Leftfield will liaise with them and VegetablesNZ to develop the scope with NZTE.
- 15. VegetablesNZ has expressed an interest in the import replacement value added products work and suggested meeting with Lincoln University to establish if local market insights could be explored by a student. This meeting will be arranged in the coming weeks. VegetablesNZ will also visit FoodSouth at Lincoln to understand value add processing opportunities.
- 16. Since February Leftfield has engaged with two further berry companies that participated in the insights study. In early May Leftfield brought the four interested growers together and agreed that the next step is a site visit to the two North Island companies with covered crop operations to learn more about their operations in detail. Leftfield is planning this visit for later this year.

17. This is the final update from Leftfield for this project.

### **Digital Connectivity – Mobile Blackspots**

- 18. The Mobile Blackspots project was funded under the CREDS Digital Connectivity programme and mapped mobile blackspots on Canterbury state highways, while the second phase mapped mobile blackspots on local roads. Each phase identified the ten most significant blackspots and advocacy was undertaken with the Minister for Digital Economy and Communication, Crown Infrastructure Partners, and telecommunication companies.
- 19. Following the completion of phase two earlier this year, Forum members met with chief executives and senior staff from Crown Infrastructure Partners, the Rural Connectivity Group, Spark, Vodafone, 2Degrees, and MBIE's Communications Policy team on 31 March.
- 20. Members were provided with additional information around planned works, and contact information was shared following the meeting so that members could engage directly with telcos regarding specific issues in their district.
- 21. The group agreed to meet again later this year to discuss connectivity issues in the region.

### **Next steps**

22. The secretariat will continue to support progress on the Food and Fibre Innovation Programme, and will set up another conversation between the Forum and telcos later this year.

## **Canterbury Mayoral Forum**

Date:27 May 2022Presented by:Hamish Riach, Chair, Chief Executives Forum

### **Chief Executives Forum report**

### Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to report on the work of the regional forums since February 2022 and implementation of the three-year work programme.

### Recommendation

#### That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. receive the quarterly report from the Chief Executives Forum and note updates to the three-year work programme.

### **Regional forums activity since February 2022**

- 2. Since the Mayoral Forum's last regular quarterly meeting on 18 February, the Chief Executives Forum met online on 2 May 2022.
- 3. The Corporate and Operations Forums met on 21 March and the Policy Forum met on 1 April 2022.

#### **Chief Executives Forum**

- 4. At the meeting on 2 May, which was held online, the Chief Executives Forum:
  - discussed the three waters transition, noting concerns around impacts of data collection requests on councils, and agreed to write to the National Transition Unit seeking clarification around their information gathering activities.
  - discussed concerns around audit processes. Stephen Walker, Chief Executive of Audit NZ has been invited to the August meeting. Members agreed to write to Taituarā around audit issues related to three waters transition, seeking a joined-up approach to working through these matters
  - discussed the draft triennium agreement for the 2022-24 term
  - received draft materials for communicating with potential candidates around local government elections
  - received an update from Ben Clark, Regional Public Service Commissioner, and Eamon Coulter, Director for the Canterbury COVID-19 Response on the regional leadership group's COVID-19 response.

#### Other agenda items

- 5. The agenda for the meeting also covered the following matters:
  - updates on recent Operations, Corporate and Policy Forum meetings
  - an update on the regional forums budget
  - an update on the CWMS strategy.

#### Three-year work programme

6. Updates to the three-year work programme are highlighted in the attached document. Prioritisation of outstanding actions will be added following the next round of Operations, Corporate and Policy Forum meetings and reported to the August Chief Executive and Mayoral Forum meetings.

#### **Attachments**

• Attachment 1: Three-year work programme

### Three-year work programme 2020–22

WHAT	TASK	PLAN FOR CANTERBURY PRIORITY	REPORTING TO	LEAD	ACTION	DUE	STATUS	UPDATE
Canterbury Water Management Strategy	To continue providing governance oversight and strategic support to the implementation of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) Renew community acceptance and	Sustainable environmental management of our habitats	Mayoral Forum	Jenny Hughey	Request the Regional Committee to work with CWMS partners to re-engage communities and stakeholders on actions undertaken to deliver the CWMS across the region in order to maintain and nurture commitment to the delivery of the CWMS	30/09/2022	On track	Updated Zone Committee terms of reference approved at the Mayoral Forum 27 November 2020
	commitment to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy				CWMS Regional Committee reports on progess towards the 2025 and 2030 goals	30/06/2022	On track	Work in progress with CWMS team
influence to understand climate impacts,	Complete our first regional climate change risk assessment, aligned with the national climate change assessment, and identify critical gaps in our adaptation planning	Climate change mitigation and adaptation	-	Climate Change Working Group	Progress Stage 2 of the Climate Change Risk Assessment	30/06/2021	Complete	Regional risk assessment published February 2022. Working Group developing an implementation plan for its next steps and regional adaptation planning.
risks and opportunities and incorporate these			Dollar Foruma	Climate Change Working Group	Progress Stage 3 of the Climate Change Risk Assessment	30/9/22	On track	Preliminary advice considered March 2022. Draft implementation plan to be developed by July 2022 - Agenda item 2.1
into regional planning documents and community awareness.	Encourage all Canterbury local authorities to complete carbon footprint assessments, to inform action plans for reductions			Corporate Forum	All Canterbury local authorities are encouraged and supported to commission council carbon footprint assessments	31/12/2020	Delayed	Working party reconvened in mid-2021 to progress the work. Working party convenor to provide advice to the Corporate Forum meeting on next steps for software and data collection options.
CREDS 2016–2019 continuing work programmes	Food, Fibre and Innovation	Shared economic prosperity	Mayoral Forum	Secretariat	High value manufacturing Value added production	30/06/2022	On track	Work on industry roadmaps is nearing completion, industry clusters continue to be supported, and Te Ohaka and FoodSouth continue to support food businesses in their incubators. Leftfield Innovation have completed work on vegetable and berryfruit possibilities for sustainable land use.
Freshwater Package investments	Advocate with Government for the region's interests to be addressed in the investment decisions to support the Government's Freshwater Package	Sustainable environmental management of our habitats	Mayoral Forum		Add to the agenda for the Mayoral Forum meetings with Ministers.	30/09/2022	On track	Essential Freshwater Steering Group established in March 2021. Hon David Parker met with the Mayoral Forum in October 2021. Ashburton DC has prepared economic and social impact reports on the new Essential Freshwater regulations for the Ashburton district, which have been shared with CMF
Education Forum	Facilitate a forum of key tertiary education and training providers to enable the exchange of ideas and information and support collaboration Advocate for transition of secondary students to further study and training or work	Shared economic prosperity	Mayoral Forum	Dan Gordon	Forum meets at least twice each year	30/09/2022	On track	Forum meeting held 1st quarter 2021. RSLG Co-Chairs attending meeting, see agenda Item 4.1
Skilled Workforce	Advocate with Government for education and immigration policies that deliver a skilled workforce now and into the future	Shared economic prosperity	Mayoral Forum		Add to the agenda for the Mayoral Forum visit(s) to Wellington	30/09/2022	On track	A submission has been made on the Productivity Commission's review of immigration settings.

### as at 19 May 2022

Better freight options	Collaborate with South Island chairs of RLTC to drive multi-modal transport planning investment	Better freight transport options	Mayoral Forum			30/09/2022	On track	R Fi
	Advocate with Government for investment in multi-modal transport outcomes, especially moving more long-distance freight by rail				Write to Ministers to advocate for Canterbury's position Add to agenda for Mayoral Forum visit(s) to Wellington	30/09/2022	On track	N w tł ti a∙ m
Three Waters	Support councils with Three Waters transitions	Three Waters services			Details for this activity, including who will lead, to be developed following discussion at CE Forum meeting May 2022			D d
Update Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy		Sustainable environmental management of our habitats	Policy Forum		Agenda	30/09/2022	On track	E B W R E
IT systems and digital services	Lead development of a 10-year plan for Canterbury councils to move to a common platform for IT systems and digital services (including valuation and rating functions) and secure cost savings through group licensing procurement, with specific concrete actions to be implemented in each year of the 10-year plan		Corporate Forum	Chief Information Officers Group (CIOs)	Conduct a stocktake of where everyone is at	13/12/2022	Delayed	C( st ar in a G
	Develop a business case (with value proposition and a request for funding) to go to member councils to test and build consensus on a collective vision, commitment and understanding of what it might mean over time for procurement and renewal cycles					13/12/2022	Delayed	P
Procurement	Develop a proposal for a joined-up procurement system/service for Canterbury councils, including legal services provisioning Develop a proposal for consideration by member councils		Corporate Forum	Canterbury Finance Managers Group		30/03/2023	On track	In pa cc Cl Cl Cl Cl Cl in a t S Cl S Cl S Cl S Cl S Cl S C C S C S C

Regional Transport Committee held a South Island RTC Freight Summit on 28 March 2022

Met with Minister Wood 27 May 2021. The Forum has written to Minister Wood to raise issues with funding for the RLTP, and in particular resilience, maintenance and timing of NLTP decisions. Working with RTC to continue to advocate with Ministers and NZTA, MoT attending meeting - Agenda Item 2.4

Details for this activity, including who will lead, to be developed following CE discussions - Agenda Item 2.8

Environment Canterbury's LTP includes the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy review and work will commence when the Government announces the NPS IB. Canterbury Regional Biodiversity Champions Group established in Environment Canterbury.

CCF agreed 16 March 2020 that CIOs will conduct a stocktake of Canterbury councils' IT platforms, applications and procurement / licensing cycles and investment intentions to inform planning to move towards a common platform by 2030. Discussed at recent CIO Group meeting; next actions to be confirmed.

Pending outcome of collaborative procurement investigations.

In late 2020 Deloitte were contracted to analyse thirdparty expenditure by Canterbury councils, to inform collaborative procurement options. In August 2021 the CEs Forum approved funding to engage a consultant to evaluate collaborative procurement options. A threephase approach was agreed to at the March 2022 Corporate Forum meeting; the third phase of this will incorporate the consultant to advise on the most appropriate model going forward for Canterbury. Phase 1 expected to be complete by June 2022; phase 2 by September 2022; phase 3 estimated to be complete by March 2023

Implementing new	Share advice and lessons between drinking	Operations	Drinking Water		13/12/2021	On track	Сс
Water Safety Plan	water suppliers from implementing the new	Forum	Reference Group				th
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Resource	Engage with central government on the	Chief Executives	David Ward	Jim Harland nominated for Local Government Forum of	30/09/2022	On track	Μ
Management	resource management reforms through	Forum		Chief Executives for resource management reform			N
Reform	participation in the Local Government Forum			Policy Forum (through CPMG) keep watching brief on			М
	of Chief Executives for resource management			exposure drafts of the Natural and Built Environment Act			Sι
	reform, reviewing and preparing submissions			and prepare to draft a regional submission when			di
	on new legislation, participating in Select			released			Τā
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			Policy Forum	Policy Forum (with Climate Change Working Group &	30/09/2022	On track	+
				Canterbury Planning Managers Group) keep watching			
				brief on drafts of Strategic Planning Act and Climate			
				Change Adaptation Act			
Future for Local	Engage with central government on the future	Mayoral Forum	Chief Executives	Progress actions from the Future for Local Government	01/04/2023	On track	W
Government	for local government by supporting		Forum	Workshop (April 2021) and actively participate in			C€
	development of a regional approach and			engagement with central government's Future for Local			20
	participating in the Future for Local			Government Review			e>
	Government Review						Α

Councils are working on plans but it is a slow process as they require a lot of effort and DHB-side resources have been preoccupied by Taumata Arowai changes. At least three in Canterbury have been approved as of June 2021. There is concern about the status of these following the transition to Taumata Arowai. Taumata Arowai receiving plans, not approving them at this stage.

Mayoral Forum submission made on the Inquiry on the Natural and Built Environments Bill: Parliamentary Paper. MFE engagement workshop on reforms Nov 2021. Submissions being prepared on MfE engagement discussion document Feb 2022. Letter to sent to LGNZ, Taituarā, Department of Internal Affairs and Ministry for the Environment requesting Canterbury presence on national working parties and reference groups.

Workshops were held with papatipu rūnanga chairs and central government regional directors in March and May 2021. The May session also included the chair and executive director of the Local Government Review Panel. A health workshop was held in July 2021.

A highlighted cell indicates that this item has recently been updated.

## **Canterbury Mayoral Forum**

Date: 27 May 2022

Presented by: Secretariat

### Mayoral Forum activities and engagements – February to May 2022

### Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide a summary of activities, engagements and correspondence since the Mayoral Forum on 18 February 2022.

### Recommendation

#### That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. receive the update on Mayoral Forum activities and correspondence since the Forum's meeting on 18 February 2022.

### Background

2. A number of activities, meetings, submissions and correspondence occur between Mayoral Forum meetings. Meeting notes, correspondence and copies of submissions are currently circulated to members throughout the quarter between meetings. This paper compiles these in one place for the Mayoral Forums' convenience.

### Meetings and engagements

3. The Mayoral Forum has met with the following people or groups during the last quarter:

Date of meeting	Group/Individual	Purpose of meeting	Key actions or outcomes
31 March	Representatives from CIP, RCG, Spark, Vodafone, 2degrees and MBIE	To discuss the mobile blackspots phase 2 report and how the Forum can support improved connectivity in Canterbury	Schedule another discussion in six months
29 April	Professor Grant Edwards, Vice- Chancellor Professor Pablo Gregorini, Head LU Centre of Excellence for Designing Future Productive Landscapes	Visit to Lincoln University to gather insights into issues and opportunities around the rural-urban interface.	Researchers collaborate with Canterbury mayors to innovate new solutions for the region's contested peri-urban landscapes :: Lincoln University

4. Records of the mobile blackspot meeting are provided at attachment 1.

#### Correspondence

- 5. Between February and May 2022 the Mayoral Forum has written to:
  - the Minister for Digital Economy and Communications
  - the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment
  - Crown Infrastructure Partners
  - 2degrees, Spark and Vodafone
  - the Chancellor of the University of Canterbury
  - the Minister of Health
  - the Minister of Finance and Minister for Small Business
  - the Chair of Canterbury District Health Board
  - the Public Service Commissioner.
- 6. The Forum has also written thank you letters to:
  - the Minister for the Environment
  - the Chief Executive of Canterbury District Health Board
  - the Acting Director of the Three Waters National Transition Unit.
- 7. Correspondence has been received from:
  - the Chair of Canterbury District Health Board
  - the Minister for the Environment
  - from the Minister for Digital Economy and Communications
  - the Minister of Health
  - the Minister of Finance.
- 8. The correspondence is provided at attachment 2.

#### **Submissions**

9. During this period the Mayoral Forum has made the following submissions:

Submission date	Organisation	Consultation topic
28 February	Ministry for the Environment	Our future resource management system: Materials for discussion
15 March	Ministry for the Environment	Enabling local voice and accountability in the future resource management system – proposal for consideration
28 March	Taumata Arowai	Proposed drinking water regulations
6 May	Ministry for the Environment	Te panoni I te hangarua: Transforming recycling

10. Copies of submissions are available via the links in the table above and on <u>www.canterburymayors.org.nz</u>.

### Attachments

- Mobile Blackspot meeting minutes
- Correspondence

## MINUTES (in Review)

### CANTERBURY MAYORAL FORUM MOBILE BLACKSPOTS DISCUSSION



Name:	Canterbury Mayoral Forum
Date:	Thursday, 31 March 2022
Time:	11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Location:	Microsoft Teams, Online only
Board Members:	Sam Broughton (Chair), Craig Rowley, Dan Gordon, Gary Kircher, Graham Smith, Neil Brown, Nigel Bowen
Attendees:	Rosa Wakefield, Amanda Wall, Sean Tully
Apologies:	Marie Black, Lianne Dalziel, Jenny Hughey, Craig Mackle
Guests:	Andrew Turner, Deputy Mayor Christchurch City (for Lianne Dalziel) Emma-Kate Greer, GM Corporate Affairs and Strategy, 2degrees Thiagan Govender, Head of Mobile Access Networks, Vodafone New Zealand Lisa Mulitalo, Community Relations Manager, Vodafone New Zealand Graeme McCarrison, Engagement and Planning Manager, Spark Graham Mitchell, Chief Executive, Crown Infrastructure Partners John Proctor, Chief Executive, Rural Connectivity Group Richard Hills, Principal Policy Advisor, Communications Policy, MBIE
Notes:	Apologies have been received from: Jolie Hodson, Chief Executive, Spark Renee Mateparae, Tribe Lead for Technology Evolution, Spark Mark Aue, Chief Executive, 2degrees Jason Paris, Chief Executive, Vodafone NZ

### 1. Open meeting

#### 1.1 Mihi, welcome, introductions and apologies

Sam welcomed everyone to the meeting with the Mayoral Forum mihi. Those present introduced themselves.

### 2. Discussion

#### 2.1 Mayoral Forum mobile blackspots project

Craig Rowley spoke to the report, noting that this is the second phase of work identifying key mobile blackspots in Canterbury. Through this work the Mayoral Forum seeks to advocate for improved coverage, supporting benefits for safety and emergency operations, economic and social aspects, and improved productivity and logistics. He noted that the raw GIS data can be shared if that is helpful – please email the secretariat (secretariat@canterburymayors.org.nz) if so.

### 2.2 Roundtable discussion

Graham Mitchell, CE of Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP) gave a presentation on CIP's work, and showed mobile coverage for Canterbury.

John Proctor, CE of the Rural Connectivity Group (RCG) gave a presentation covering the work planned for Canterbury, noting that their work is a joint venture and that a lot of areas they work in wouldn't make sense economically for Mobile Network Operators (MNOs).

RCG build and operate sites but are not a service retailer. They are primarily funded from CIP, with some funding from MNOs, and spectrum gifted from MNOs. RCG also do some work with Wireless Internet Service Providers (WISPs), they do some backhaul as well.

RCG's planned work addresses many of the identified priority blackspots, but it does not cover:

- Leader Road
- Lees Valley
- Rangitata river mouth
- South Rakaia Huts.

RCG currently have a lot of work seeking RM consent for Banks Peninsula.

Richard spoke about MBIE's Communication Policy team's work, noting that there is a bid in with Cabinet currently around additional funding for infrastructure. They are working with MNOs on an innovative approach in how to use allocation of 5G spectrum to improve coverage and capacity. They are also looking at next steps, looking beyond the next couple of years. They are looking beyond state highways and seeking to cover strategic routes, and are working with Ministers to move from historical to future.

Thaigan noted that Vodafone have an upgrade programme for the Canterbury region which they are happy to share with the mayors offline, as this is commercially sensitive. He noted that many of the priority locations will be costly to build due to terrain so are unlikely to be areas for commercial investment. Mayors seeking information around commercial projects the telcos are undertaking in their district can contact the providers directly.

CIP is compiling a national database of coverage gaps, and are happy to receive information from councils on problem areas for constituents. Providing this data is important input for policy makers to establish funding.

Flat areas with poor coverage can be due to shelter belts.

Dan noted that Loburn and Eyreton are very low performing areas, with high growth, businesses struggling with lack of coverage.

Other technologies can support users in poor coverage areas.

- voice calling over wifi is now supported by Vodafone and 2degrees on over 100 mobile device types
- Amuri is building fibre in Waimakariri District which will cover 700 households
- base stations are becoming smaller, and small cells which can plug into broadband and provide coverage for a few hundred metres are now being deployed in some local areas.

Andrew noted a particular focus on highways in remote areas of Banks Peninsula, and is glad to see Okains Bay is on the programme and that work is moving beyond state highways. He noted resilience issues following a December weather event which has left parts of the community disconnected as the copper was broken, and the need for resilience across multiple networks.

John showed the Banks Peninsula sites to be complete by the end of this year. He noted that the focus is on coverage, and that current sites are 3G and 4G. Some sites may add 5G in the future but coverage is the priority.

For big events councils, economic development agencies etc. can talk to Spark, Vodafone and 2degrees, and they may be able to deploy a cell on wheels (COW). Often used to boost network capacity for festivals.

Pāmu New Zealand (Landcorp) are looking at having a roadshow to share local coverage options with rural communities.



#### Action

Provide voice over wifi information to mayors to circulate to their rural networks as appropriate.

Due Date:	5 Apr 2022
Owner:	Rosa Wakefield



#### Action

Provide contact details for each provider to mayors so that they can explore commercial work planned for their districts.

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#### 2.3 Next steps

The Mayoral Forum wants to be a part of finding solutions for our communities. Forum members noted that the mobile blackspots project was an ongoing piece of work in terms of broader connectivity and communications network resiliency.

It was noted that:

- government funding is key. Evidence is important and this work contributes to the strategic case for central government funding
- more focus is needed on resilience and the emergency network; this is a key concern for the Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications
- the Forum should continue to bring these issues to MPs and Ministers to help provide government focus
- meeting with the Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications would be a good opportunity for the Forum to provide the Canterbury perspective on resilience
- Canterbury is relatively advanced in terms of data being provided
- local roads are becoming increasingly important.

Next steps:

- each district can follow up with providers individually
- the Forum agreed to have a similar session in six months, focusing on connectivity in Canterbury in a broader sense and exploring next steps.

#### 3. Close meeting

#### 3.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: No date for the next meeting has been set.

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Date:

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Hon Dr David Clark Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications Parliament Buildings Wellington

Tēnā koe Minister

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The report includes maps showing the exact locations of these blackspots.

In identifying the top ten areas for action, the most common driver from stakeholders that aided the prioritisation of these mobile blackspots was safety – safety of council field staff, communities, emergency services staff working alone, tourists, on farm safety and all road users. Other drivers included community connectivity, information gathering regarding incidents and assets, more consistent and reliable access to the internet to support farming, telemetry technology and tourism and leisure activities. This is consistent with the themes from the workshop in the first phase of the project.

The report also identifies some opportunities for future actions, including:

- using a combination of the data output from drive testing, anecdotal evidence, and the telecommunications mobile coverage data can provide an understanding of the worst mobile blackspot areas and highlight areas for discussion or further testing. Additional analysis could be undertaken to decrease the number of data records that are missing GPS data if required.
- the data collected has provided suitable information for stakeholder engagement to take place allowing interpretation and prioritisation based on the contribution of the workshop attendees.
- the data collected using phones connected to all three network providers allows the comparison between the companies and also highlights areas that have a correlation of mobile blackspots.

We were pleased to hear that Crown Infrastructure Partners' work programme will see towers installed to remedy blackspots in three of the above priority areas – the Kaikōura Alternative Route, Okains Bay Campground, and Purau – Port Levy. This will largely resolve the issues in these three areas. However, we are not aware of other work under way to address the remaining 7 priority areas.

The Mayoral Forum considers prompt action by the Government and telecommunications companies is required to remedy these blackspot areas as well as the state highways areas identified in the first phase of our project. As with your response to the first phase of this work last year, we trust that you will give this matter due consideration. We would appreciate your advice on any work that may be currently under way on the areas we have highlighted, or any work that is planned in the near future.

Members of the Forum would also like to meet with you and the other mobile telecommunications companies to discuss the issues we have raised in this letter and how we might be able to support you in resolving these. Our secretariat will be in touch to arrange this meeting.

Should you have any questions around the report please contact our Secretariat through Maree McNeilly, by email at <a href="mailto:secretariat@canterburymayors.org.nz">secretariat@canterburymayors.org.nz</a>, or phone on 027 381 8924.

Ngā mihi,

LA

Sam Broughton Mayor, Selwyn District Chair, Canterbury Mayoral Forum



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4 March 2022

Amy Adams Chancellor University of Canterbury Private Bag 4800 **Christchurch 8140** 

By email: <u>amy.adams@canterbury.ac.nz</u>

Kia ora Amy

### **Chancellor** appointment

I was delighted to hear of your recent appointment as Tumu Kaunihera /Chancellor of the University of Canterbury.

On behalf of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum I wish you all the very best as you embark on this important role.

The Forum is keen to continue to engage with the University to further the education and skills objectives in our *Plan for Canterbury 2020-2022* (attached). Our secretariat will be in touch with the Vice-Chancellor soon to progress this. We look forward to connecting with you in your new role as part of this engagement.

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Encl: Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2022-2022

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24 March 2022

Hon Andrew Little Minister of Health Parliament Buildings Wellington

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Kia ora Minister

#### Health system reform transition

The members of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum (CMF) are the mayors of the 10 territorial authorities (Kaikōura, Waimate, Waimakariri, Timaru, Ashburton, Waitaki, Selwyn, Mackenzie and Hurunui District Councils, Christchurch City Council) and the chair of the regional council (Environment Canterbury).

The CMF is the primary mechanism for communication, co-ordination and collaboration between councils in New Zealand's largest region. The CMF maintains a keen interest in the health and wellbeing of our communities and has kept a close eye on the health system reform process.

We recently made a submission on the legislation bringing the new health entities into effect<sup>1</sup>. This submission was focused around promoting a meaningful voice for local government in the new health structure. We advocated for local government to be part of a co-designed system during the reform process where community voices are genuinely heard.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Submission available at <u>https://www.canterburymayors.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/CMF-submission-Pae-Ora-Healthy-Futures-Bill-Dec-2021-1.pdf</u>

Given the timeframe for implementation of the new health structure is rapidly approaching, we wish to meet with you to receive a detailed update on the transition process to the new entities, and the opportunities for communities to be part of the process.

The Forum would like to meet with you soon, whether this is in person or online. Our secretariat will contact your office to arrange a suitable date. In the interim, our secretariat can be contacted through Maree McNeilly, <u>secretariat@canterburymayors.org.nz</u> or 027 381 8924.

The CMF is committed to advocating for and supporting positive community outcomes from the health reforms. We look forward to discussing this with you soon.

Ngā mihi

LA

Sam Broughton Mayor, Selwyn District Chair, Canterbury Mayoral Forum

cc: Sir John Hansen Chair, Canterbury DHB

> Ron Luxton Chair, South Canterbury DHB



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8 April 2022

Hon Grant Robertson Minister of Finance <u>g.roberston@ministers.govt.nz</u>

Hon Stuart Nash Minister for Small Business <u>s.nash@ministers.govt.nz</u>

#### Tēnā kōrua

# **Request for urgent support for Canterbury businesses**

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum (comprising the Mayors of the 10 Canterbury territorial authorities and Chair of the Canterbury Regional Council) and Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce (representing 2700 Canterbury employers, who employ 77,000 people) are seriously concerned about the significant and palpable impact that COVID-19 restrictions are continuing to have on our region.

We are writing to request urgent short-term support for businesses.

The Canterbury Regional Leadership Group (comprising leaders from local and central government agencies, iwi/hapū and Pasifika, as well as partners representing community and business interests), of which both the Mayoral Forum and Chamber are part, has focused its work on coordinating the COVID-19 response in Canterbury, and supports a strong economic recovery through the pandemic, sustainable employment and viable small businesses. Pressure on businesses and resulting wellbeing concerns is a priority issue for the whole Group at present.

We acknowledge the Government's recent decision to keep New Zealand in the red setting of the COVID-19 Protection Framework. However, what did not accompany the announcement last week was a continuation of the targeted financial support for businesses to alleviate the pressure caused by continued restrictions and self-isolation requirements.

The impact of COVID-19 on the wellbeing of employers, employees and communities should not be underestimated.

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As leaders for our rohe we are continuing to hear about high business stress and business closures. These reports are escalating, and communities are suffering. Businesses are more than just a store or sign – they are the individuals and families that make up the heart of many of our communities.

It is important to recognise that the Canterbury region is not yet fully out of our Omicron surge, as the numbers continue to rise and fall on an overall downward trend. Restrictions are therefore likely to remain for some time yet.

Throughout the past two months we have experienced a significant downturn of activity in city and town centres throughout the region. A pulse survey conducted by the Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce in March 2022 indicated 60% of businesses at the time were forced to adapt to hybrid working models due to the requirement for employees to self-isolate. Economic activity data from ChristchurchNZ indicates that for February, comparing 2021 with 2022, retail transactions were down 7.6%. This is most pronounced in hospitality, down 16.3% and other consumer spending, down 16.9%. Overarching figures for some hospitality and retail businesses show there has been as much as a 30-40% downturn throughout the region.

The sudden shift in approach, after two years of reinforced messaging that COVID-19 must be stamped out at all cost, has contributed to parts of the community maintaining an overly cautious appetite to risk.

# We therefore urgently request the provision of additional, targeted, and limited financial support.

Government support for business through times of crisis has been essential. The Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce worked with the Government in 2010 to develop the Wage Support Scheme, and then through various targeted business support in response to the Kaikoura earthquake.

The COVID-19 Support Payments are a vital lifeline to businesses. We are seeing an increasing need for this support as case numbers around the region peak at different rates. 74% of inbound calls to the COVID-19 Business Helpline in March 2022 related to financial support.

We know that some businesses who were not eligible for the COVID-19 Support Payment on the first three rounds, would be now if it were available. Many businesses are only being impacted now due to the isolation requirements and there is limited support available for them.

Should short-term support not be available, business closures are inevitable - potentially leading to welfare support being required via benefit assistance. This seems counterintuitive, given that short-term assistance for struggling businesses would circumvent this. Evidence is considerable that unemployment has a detrimental impact on health and wellbeing.

Capacity limit expansions and the removal of outdoor gathering limits are helpful to increase patronage however they do not address the issue of worker supply.

Our recommendations are to:

expand the COVID-19 Support Payment for two more tranches: 4-18 April 2022, then 19 April to 2 May 2022 on the basis that there will continue to be widespread prevalence of COVID-19

transmission in the Canterbury region, and a long tail that will continue to impact businesses for the coming months.

 provide an additional COVID-19 Support Payment that is far narrower in scope, recognising the risk of contributing to inflationary pressure. We know that small businesses are disproportionally affected by COVID-19 restrictions, and our recommendation would be to cap the payment to businesses that have between 1-20 FTEs.

We recognise that COVID-19 will be an ongoing problem, and further outbreaks are likely to occur. We want to work with the Government to develop alternative and sustainable tools and adjust current policy settings (including self-isolation periods and the Close-Contact Exemption Scheme) to alleviate pressure on businesses while reducing reliance on continuous targeted financial support.

At a time where businesses are actively making a decision to close, both temporarily and permanently, putting people out of jobs and damaging the economy – your urgent attention to this letter is appreciated.

Ngā mihi nui

LA

Sam Broughton Chair, Canterbury Mayoral Forum

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Leeann Watson Chief Executive, Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce



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28 April 2022

Sir John Hansen Chair Canterbury District Health Board PO Box 1600 **Christchurch** 

by email: john.hansen@cdhb.health.nz

Dear John

### Temporary closure of Canterbury rural hospitals

Thank you for your letter of 10 March offering the Canterbury Mayoral Form reassurances that 'The Canterbury DHB have undertaken to reopen the hospitals within 6 weeks of the Omicron peak'.

Working on the assumption that we peaked last week that would lead us to understand that our rural hospitals would reopen sometime in the first few weeks of June.

Can you please confirm that you have plans in place to reopen the hospitals within this timeframe and that there are no other factors that might delay the reopening.

Yours sincerely

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13 May 2022

Peter Hughes Public Service Commissioner Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission PO Box 329 Wellington 6140

by email: commission@publicservice.govt.nz

#### Tēnā koe Peter

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum is writing to you in your role as Public Service Commissioner to convey the considerable and increasing concerns our council chief executives have about the impact of central government agencies' ongoing recruitment of large numbers of council staff to implement the Government's range of reform programmes.

Local government is facing an unprecedented level of change, including significant reform to three waters, resource management, climate change adaptation, and the Review into the Future for Local Government. Engaging with these reforms is putting a great deal of pressure on local government, made substantially worse by the decreasing number of staff available to undertake this work. While councils across the region have many experienced and senior staff to help navigate these reforms, there is an increasing trend for these staff to be actively recruited by the central government agencies responsible for implementing the reforms. This is particularly apparent for three waters and resource management staff right across the region. This is resulting in our councils losing capacity and capability to effectively engage in the reform processes, and also has flow on impacts for delivery of our business as usual programmes. Given councils have the operational knowledge and the connection to the communities that are being impacted by the reforms, it is imperative that local government is consistently involved.

While our council chief executives strive to retain good staff and have a range of measures in place to do so, councils simply cannot compete with the remuneration being offered by some of the central government agencies to which we have lost experienced staff.

In addition to reform processes, some councils are also experiencing considerable capacity loss in building and housing related positions and emergency management roles; again, councils just

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cannot afford to match the salaries central government, through the likes of Kainga Ora and the National Emergency Management Agency, can offer for these roles.

We wish to bring this to your attention in the hope that we can find a better way for both central government to deliver its reforms effectively, and local government to retain the capacity and capability needed to adequately engage in them and our critical business as usual work. Our chief executives would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you further.

Ngā mihi

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Sam Broughton Mayor, Selwyn District Council Chair, Canterbury Mayoral Forum

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23 February 2022

Hon David Parker Minister for the Environment Parliament Buildings Wellington

By email: d.parker@ministers.govt.nz

Kia ora Minister

#### Meeting with the Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Thank you for meeting with the Mayoral Forum on 18 February. The Forum appreciates you and your officials making the time to discuss resource management reform with us.

The Forum was particularly interested to hear about work currently being undertaken on the idea of statements of community outcomes and statements of regional outcomes, and the suggestion that these could largely be left to councils to develop and consult on as they see fit. Our submission on enabling local voice and accountability in the new system will include comment on this idea.

The Forum was also heartened by your perspectives on the role of local government more generally, and your view that the reform is focused on better enabling and simplifying the local democratic voice on resource management issues.

Once again, thank you for your consideration of the issues we raised in discussion with you. We look forward to continuing to work with you on the reform programme as it progresses this year.

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23 February 2022

Dr Peter Bramley Chief Executive, Canterbury District Health Board PO Box 1600 Christchurch

By email: peter.bramley@cdhb.health.nz

Kia ora Peter

### Meeting with the Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Thank you for meeting with the Mayoral Forum on 18 February.

The Forum appreciates you and Tracey Maisey making the time to provide us with the latest modelling information on the current outbreak as well as a comprehensive update on the DHB's approach to managing the virus during the various phases of the COVID-19 protection framework's red setting.

The Forum welcomed the opportunity to discuss with you our concerns about access to information and care for vulnerable, isolated and rural communities as the outbreak continues to grow. We were pleased to hear that you share our concerns and were working hard to ensure resources would be directed to those most in need at the appropriate time in the weeks and months to come.

Like you, the Mayoral Forum places great importance on equity of outcome across our communities and we will continue to advocate for this at every opportunity.

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Again, thank you for meeting with us. We look forward to continuing to work with the Canterbury and South Canterbury DHBs to support our communities at this critical time.

Ngā mihi

LA

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23 February 2022

Marlon Bridge Acting Director Three Waters Transition Unit Department of Internal Affairs PO Box 805 Wellington

By email: marlon.bridge@dia.govt.nz

Kia ora Marlon

# Meeting with the Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Thank you for meeting with the Mayoral Forum on 18 February.

The Forum appreciates you making the time to provide us with an update on the planned transition programme.

As discussed with you, the Mayoral Forum has actively engaged in the three waters reform programme, and there are a variety of views across Canterbury councils about it. We also note that advocacy by some councils on the reform is ongoing, and the Government-appointed three waters working group is yet to provide its recommendations. As you heard, our chief executives are also concerned about the resources available to meet the requirements of the transition unit as it moves ahead with its programme.

Given these matters, the Forum would appreciate regular updates from the Transition Unit on the transition process that is being developed and how Canterbury councils will be engaged in this critical process. We would therefore like to invite you to attend our Forum meeting in May. Our secretariat will be in touch with the details.

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Thank you once again for meeting with us. We look forward to seeing you at our May meeting to discuss these important matters further.

Ngā mihi

LA

Sam Broughton Mayor, Selwyn District Chair, Canterbury Mayoral Forum

# Canterbury

District Health Board

Te Poari Hauora ō Waitaha

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10 March 2022.

Sam Broughton Mayor, Selwyn District Council Chair, Canterbury Mayoral Forum

via e-mail: <a href="mailto:sam.broughton@selwyn.govt.nz">sam.broughton@selwyn.govt.nz</a>

Dear Sam

I acknowledge your letter of 4 March which was only emailed to me yesterday.

I note, and share your concerns, regarding rural hospitals. As I explained to the three mayors the temporary closures were made to maximise the safety of patients, staff, and the community.

The Canterbury DHB have undertaken to reopen the hospitals within 6 weeks of the Omicron peak. At the Health Select Committee hearing yesterday our Chief Executive, Dr Peter Bramley, in answer to a question from Matt Doocey, MP, publicly reiterated this position. I added that the long-term future of the rural hospitals was not on the Canterbury DHB agenda.

We have only approximately three and half months before we go out of existence and there is no intention to consider this issue during that time. Any such consideration would be for Health New Zealand and the Māori Health Authority.

Yours sincerely,

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Hon Sir John Hansen KNZM Chairman Canterbury District Health Board

cc Hon Andrew Little, Minister of Health <u>a.little@ministers.govt.nz</u> Dr Peter Bramley, CE, Canterbury District Health Board <u>peter.bramley@cdhb.health.nz</u>

### Hon David Parker BCom, LLB

Attorney-General Minister for the Environment Minister for Oceans and Fisheries Minister of Revenue Associate Minister of Finance



10 March 2022

Sam Broughton Chair, Canterbury Mayoral secretariat@canterburymayors.org.nz

**Dear Mayor Broughton** 

Thank you for inviting me to meet with the Canterbury Mayoral Forum (CMF) on 18 February. I am pleased to see from your letter dated 23 February 2022 that the attendees were interested in the work being undertaken to reform the resource management system.

At the CMF you asked for an update on the proposed National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land (NPS-HPL) and I noted that I would provide an update in writing.

The NPS-HPL is required to prevent further irreversible loss of highly productive land from urban development, rural lifestyle development and reverse sensitivity issues associated with the fragmentation of highly productive land.

Public consultation on the NPS-HPL held from August to October 2019 demonstrated a high level of support for its objective to better manage highly productive land. An exposure draft of the NPS-HPL underwent targeted engagement with local government, iwi/Māori and, primary sector organisations, and other stakeholders in October and November 2022. I understand this engagement went well and that Officials are working through the feedback and amending the exposure draft.

The NPS-HPL is expected to go through Cabinet in April 2021 and be gazetted in May.

If you or your staff have any further questions on the NPS-HPL please contact Hayden Johnston (Director – Water and Land Use Policy) on <u>hayden.johnston@mfe.govt.nz</u>.

Yours sincerely

Hon David Parker Minister for the Environment

# Hon Dr David Clark

MP for Dunedin Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications Minister for State Owned Enterprises Minister of Statistics Minister Responsible for the Earthquake Commission



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Sam Broughton Mayor, Selwyn District Canterbury Mayoral Forum Email: <u>secretariat@canterburymayors.org.nz</u>

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Dear Sam,

Thank you for your letter of 24 February 2022 regarding improving mobile telecommunications infrastructure in Canterbury. I agree that improving telecommunications infrastructure is a key component to advancing economic and social development in the region.

Government investment in digital connectivity has led to some exciting milestones. Over the course of the Government's infrastructure programmes, just over \$237 million has been invested in the Canterbury region to improve and provide for connectivity. Since 2017 an additional 29,852 Canterbury households are able to connect to Ultra-Fast Broadband. As of September 2021, at least 32 mobile towers have been built or upgraded and 7,771 end users able to connect through the Government's Rural Broadband Initiative and capacity upgrade programmes.

As you have acknowledged in your letter, recent announcements around the Government investing a total of \$65 million towards infrastructure upgrade programmes will bolster capacity in our rural networks, including in Canterbury. As this work continues, the Government is thinking about where gaps in connectivity exist, and what is next for connectivity in New Zealand, in addition to existing Government programmes and investment.

Thank you for providing me with a copy of the report you commissioned. I have passed this onto my officials at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, as well as Crown Infrastructure Partners, to consider as part of this work.

As you will know, the Government has done a lot to address mobile black spots. The Government's Mobile Black Spot Fund continues to improve the availability of mobile services to support safety on state highways and enhance visitor experience at key tourist destinations. This programme will be completed by the end of 2022, with about 1,400 kilometres of state highways and over 168 tourism sites with new mobile coverage.

However, I am aware that there is still more to do to address areas that are currently without adequate connectivity. My officials are exploring how connectivity gaps can be addressed, so infrastructure is able to keep up with technological change, and more New Zealanders can access quality and reliable broadband services. I have also asked my officials to look at how alternative connectivity options may address the "last mile" end users, and at affordability issues.

You may also be aware that the Government has made an election manifesto commitment to spend a further \$60 million on rural connectivity. Decisions are yet to be made on how this funding will be allocated, but I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on how this can be effectively invested to improve the connectivity experience of rural New Zealanders.

Thank you for extending an invitation to meet the Mayoral Forum to discuss these issues with you. My office will be in contact with you to discuss this opportunity further.

As the Government continuing work to address connectivity gaps for New Zealanders, it is beneficial to connect with local government around the country to share knowledge and understanding, and support locally led solutions.

Thank you for taking the time to write about this issue.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Dr David Clark Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications

## Hon Andrew Little

Minister of Health Minister Responsible for the GCSB Minister Responsible for the NZSIS Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations Minister Responsible for Pike River Re-entry Lead Coordination Minister for the Government's Response to the Royal Commission's Report into the Terrorist Attack on the Christchurch Mosques



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Sam Broughton Canterbury Mayoral Forum secretariat@canterburymayors.org.nz

#### Dear Sam

Thank you for your letter of 24 March 2022 about the changes to the future health system and for your recent submission to the Pae Ora legislation.

I would also like personally thank you and the members of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum for your contribution to the health system in the Canterbury region.

The Health Transition Unit in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has engaged extensively with a range of individuals and organisations across the health system and wider communities to develop advice on the future health system. I am also advised the localities team in Health New Zealand has met with Local Government New Zealand and that further engagement with local government entities is planned.

Key outcomes of the reforms will be giving New Zealanders more influence over the care they access most often, closest to home, and moving away from a one-size-fits-all model. To support this, there will be future engagement with communities to ensure their voices are heard, and to get their input into how services can be designed to meet different communities' needs.

This engagement will focus particularly (but not solely) on people who have historically experienced poor health outcomes. This includes Māori, Pasifika, Disabled People, Rainbow communities, people with mental health and addiction issues, ethnicities such as Middle Eastern, Latin American, and African (MELAA) and high deprivation areas including rural communities.

There will also be an ongoing focus on engaging with the 80,000-strong workforce to continue to build people's understanding of the reforms that are happening in the system they are part of. People in the health sector workforce also live in and engage with their respective communities. They will be supported and equipped to share their knowledge of the reforms with whānau and community.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with the members of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum to provide more information on the implementation of the new health system and to discuss further the benefits the health reform will bring to local governments and their communities. I have asked my Office to reach out and arrange a suitable time in due course.

Yours sincerely

on Andrew Little H Minister of Health

# Hon Grant Robertson

MP for Wellington Central

Deputy Prime Minister Minister of Finance Minister for Infrastructure Minister for Sport and Recreation Minister for Racing



10 May 2022

Sam Broughton secretariat@canterburymayors.org.nz

Dear Sam

Thank you for your letter of 8 April 2022 regarding support for Canterbury businesses during the Omicron outbreak.

First of all, I want to acknowledge the struggles associated with managing a business through this period. Many people are facing challenges as we work together to get through the impacts of COVID-19 on our community and economy and the Omicron outbreak.

To support businesses to plan and operate in our 'new normal' we have announced how the COVID-19 Protection Framework will operate and started to reconnect New Zealand with the world. Now, New Zealand has moved into the Orange traffic light and changes have been made to capacity limits, vaccine mandates and mask requirements to enable New Zealanders to continue with everyday activities that they enjoy.

Furthermore, the move forward of the dates for opening the border will also help businesses and regions over the coming months as more international visitors arrive in the country. Currently, Australians and vaccinated travellers from visa-waiver countries can travel to New Zealand isolation-free.

We have established a suite of business support measures, including the COVID Support Payment, in response to the economic impacts of COVID-19 public health measures. Supports currently available for businesses include:

- the Small Business Cashflow (Loan) Scheme available to small businesses including sole traders and the self-employed to help support cashflow needs,
- the Leave Support Scheme to assist employers to pay employees who have been advised to self-isolate,
- the Short-Term Absence Payment to assist employers to pay workers who stay home while awaiting a COVID-19 test result, and
- discretion for Inland Revenue to offer flexibility on tax payments and debt.

As our response to the pandemic continues, we are regularly monitoring and adapting the support options available to individuals and businesses. I am constantly receiving updated information and advice from officials, the public, and industry leaders on the best way to manage business support, especially in light of the current Omicron outbreak.

I have noted the points you raise and have passed your comments on to officials for their information.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely

Hon Grant Robertson Minister of Finance

# Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Date:27 May 2022Presented by:Secretariat

# Budget 2022 Update

# Purpose

1. To provide an update on Budget 2022 initiatives and implications for local government.

### Recommendations

### That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. note the update on the Government's Budget 2022

# Background

- 2. On Thursday 19 May 2022, the Minister of Finance introduced the Government's 2022 Budget Wellbeing (Budget 2022: A Secure Future) to Parliament.
- 3. Budget 2022 is focused on progressing key Government goals, including:
  - keeping New Zealanders safe from COVID-19
  - accelerating the recovery and rebuilding from the impacts of COVID-19
  - laying foundations for the future and addressing key issues including climate change, housing affordability and child poverty.
- 4. The Budget targets three key policy areas:
  - embedding the health reforms
  - making progress on emissions reduction goals
  - addressing rising costs of living.
- 5. For Budget 2022, the Government is piloting changes to New Zealand's public finance system. Changes aim to maximise value from expenditure and improve collaboration between agencies on complex cross-sector and intergenerational issues related to Health, Justice and Natural Resources:
  - for Health, "two budgets worth of funding" have been agreed to with funding impacts counted against the Budget 2022 and 2023 operating allowances
  - for Justice and Natural Resource sectors, "three budgets worth of funding" have been agreed", with these counted against Budgets 2022, 2023 and 2024 operating allowances.

- 6. Budget 2022 commits \$4.7 billion towards new capital investment and includes new operational allowances of \$5.9 billion per year .
- 7. Funding for initiatives in Budget 2022 is provided through three key funding streams capital and operational budget allowances, the Climate Emergency Response fund (\$2.9 billion), and repurposing of residual funds in the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund (\$1.2 billion).

# Key initiatives

8. Key funding initiatives in the Budget include:

Cost of living package (\$1b)	<ul> <li>\$814 million to provide targeted support to low- and middle-income kiwis. Kiwis earning less than \$70,000 per year will receive a \$350 payment (\$27 per week spread over a 3 month period).</li> <li>\$235 million to support a two-month extension to a reduction in fuel excise duties and road users charges.</li> <li>\$132 million to reduce costs of public transport.</li> <li>\$73 million to extend the Warmer Kiwi Homes programmes until June 2024 so as to enable low-income homeowners to access grants to cut energy bills and reduce emissions.</li> </ul>	
Climate change initiatives	Transport — \$1.3 billion	
(\$3.37b)	<ul> <li>569 million 'scrap and replace' scheme to provide targeted financial assistance to low- and middle-income families to purchase low emissions vehicles.</li> <li>\$374 million to infrastructure and services that reduce reliance on cars and which support active and shared modes of transport (e.g. walking, cycling etc).</li> <li>\$61 million to improve retention and recruitment of bus drivers.</li> <li>\$47 million to cover a shortfall in public transport revenue resulting from COVID-19.</li> <li>\$40 million to Public Transport Authorities to invest in decarbonising public transport.</li> <li>\$20 million leasing scheme to help low-income families lease low-emissions vehicles.</li> <li>\$19 million to activities that will help decarbonise the freight and supply chain sector.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Energy — \$1 billion</li> <li>\$652 million to Government Investment Decarbonising Industry Fund (GIDI) to help businesses switch from fossil-fuelled heating sources to low-emission technologies.</li> <li>\$18 million to develop comprehensive energy strategy, hydrogen roadmap and regulatory framework for offshore wind energy.</li> <li>Agriculture and Forestry — \$710 million</li> <li>\$339 million to establish a Centre for Climate Action on Agricultural Emissions.</li> <li>\$347 million to enable establishment of native forests as carbon sinks and an increase in woody biomass as fuel-source alternatives.</li> <li>\$35 million to support farmers, growers and Māori transition to low-emission farm systems.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul> <li>\$31 million to develop and support a Māori climate action platform.</li> <li>\$16 million to support community-based renewable energy projects</li> </ul>	
Housing (\$1.8b)	<ul> <li>\$1 billion to support public and transitional housing.</li> <li>\$221 for Affordable Housing Fund.</li> <li>\$355 for emergency housing system.</li> </ul>	
Reforming the health system (\$12.4b spread across Budgets 2022 and 2023)	<ul> <li>\$3.2 billion funding boost for Health NZ.</li> <li>\$1.3 billion capital funding for upgrading health infrastructure.</li> <li>\$550 million for remediation of deficits in DHB budgets.</li> <li>\$488 million to strengthen the role of primary and community care.</li> <li>a further \$78.3m for Hillmorton mental health project in Canterbury</li> <li>\$299 million to digital infrastructure and capabilities essential for the health system.</li> <li>\$299 million to support Māori health services.</li> <li>\$200 million to strengthening specialist mental health and addiction services.</li> <li>\$256 million for ambulances services.</li> <li>\$191 million to improve access to medicines.</li> <li>\$168 million for Hauora Māori (Māori Health Authority Services).</li> </ul>	
Education (\$2.85b)	<ul> <li>\$777 million capital injection to replace school furniture and equipment, building and refurbishing classrooms, Christchurch School Rebuild and Māori-medium kura.</li> <li>\$275 million for pay parity for education, care and kindergarten teachers.</li> </ul>	
Public transport	<ul> <li>\$47 million — to cover a portion of the shortfall in public transport revenue arising from reduced patronage in the 2021/2022 year (as a result of COVID-19). Funding is allocated to the 2021/22 period.</li> <li>\$41 million — to Public Transport Authorities to invest in decarbonising the public transport system. Funds to be used in the deployment of low or zero emission buses or investment in associated infrastructure to reduce greenhouse gases and harmful emissions from the bus fleet. Funding spread across the four-year budget period — \$4.2 million (2022/23), \$8.9 million (2023/24), \$13.7 million (2024/5) and (2025/6).</li> <li>\$27 million — to enable a further two-month extension in the 50% reduction in public transport fares (out to 31 August 2022). Funding to be provided entirely in the 2022/23 period.</li> <li>\$104 million — to enable public transport concessions of 50% for Community Service Card holders. Funding to be distributed evenly across the four-year budget period — \$26.4 million each year</li> </ul>	

# Initiatives relevant to local government and Canterbury

9. In addition to the above, Budget 2022 contains details of funding proposals of particular significance for local government and/or Canterbury. These are summarised below:

### Central / Local Government Reform programmes

 \$146 million — to provide funding for central and local government and iwi/Māori to enable the successful implementation of the resource management reform programme.

- \$31 million to support strategic planning and co-ordination within central government on resource management reform.
- \$10 million to support policy development and engagement on the Climate Adaptation Act.
- \$7 million to provide ongoing funding for regionally-focused partnerships to maintain a co-ordinated and constructive relationships between central and local government.
- \$1 billion to local authorities to support investment in community wellbeing, housing and climate related initiatives related to three waters reform (note this initiative is part of the \$2.5 billion Three Waters reform package announced in July 2021).
- 10. The attached table provides further detail on these and other funding initiatives of relevance.

# **Emissions Reduction Plan**

- 11. On 16 May the Government published New Zealand's first Emissions Reduction Plan. Key initiatives include:
  - more New Zealanders supported to purchase electric vehicles, increasing zero emissions vehicles to at least 30 percent of light fleet by 2035
  - reduced waste going to landfills and investment in waste infrastructure so most houses have kerbside food waste collection by 2030
  - easier, cleaner, cheaper public transport, including infrastructure projects in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch and nationally integrated ticketing
  - zero emissions buses only to enter fleet from 2025 and entire public transport fleet decarbonised by 2035
  - low emissions trucks to transport food and other products, cutting freight emissions by 35 percent by 2035
  - more of our biggest businesses powered by clean, renewable energy generated in New Zealand rather than overseas
  - a ban on new low to medium temperature coal boilers and a phase out of existing ones by 2037
  - establishment of a Centre for Climate Action on Agricultural Emissions to accelerate delivery of emissions reduction tools and technologies and an emissions pricing mechanism for agriculture by 1 January 2025
  - support for native wildlife and forests.
- 12. A number of key in initiatives outlined in the Plan have received funding from the Climate Emergency Response Fund and are included as part of the 2022 Budget.

# Next steps in the Budget process

13. Select committees will scrutinise estimates and appropriations (amounts allocated to specific initiatives) and report back to the House within ten weeks with their findings.

Members of Parliament will then debate the spending proposals through the Estimates Debate.

14. The final stage in the process is the third reading of the Appropriations Bill, with the Budget expected to be finalised sometime in August 2022.

## Attachments

• Table 1: Budget initiatives of relevance to Canterbury and/or local government functions

### Table 1 – Funding initiatives relevant to local government or the Canterbury region.

### Key

#### Initiatives relevant to local government functions Initiatives relevant to the Canterbury region

Sector	Funding Initiative	Funding Details(\$ figure includes capital and operating expenditure)
Agriculture, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Food Safety	Integrated advisory services to support more sustainable and productive land-use practices.	\$94 million to support an integrated network of support for rural land users. It will establish a network of regionally-based farm advisors, expand Māori agribusiness express to enable adoption of more sustainable land use practices.
	Agriculture Emissions Reduction – Accelerating development of Greenhouse Gas Emissions (CERF)	\$338 million to accelerate development and uptake of high impact agricultural mitigation technologies. Funding to accelerate research, expand greenhouse gas measurement capacity, streamline paths to market and ensure fit for purpose tools on farm
	Agriculture Emissions Reduction – Supporting Producers and Māori Entities transition to a low emissions Future (CERF)	\$35 million to support farmers, growers and whenua Māori to move to low emission farm systems. Fund to increase 'on the ground actions and on-farm activities to help change farm practices and adopt new technologies.
Building and Construction	Continuing support for homeowners affected by Canterbury earthquakes and other natural disasters	\$4 million to help homeowners with unresolved residential insurance claims resulting from the Canterbury earthquakes and other natural disasters
Education	Christchurch School's Rebuild	\$88 million to continue the Christchurch Schools' Rebuild programme for another year following the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes
	Community Learning Hubs	\$6.4 million to maintain Community Learning Hubs in Christchurch, Auckland and Wellington.
Environment	Biodiversity Protection and Incentives	\$19 million to support policy, research and piloting of approaches to incentivise positive biodiversity action. The funds will support councils to identify and protect Significant Natural Areas (SNAS) and support landowners to maintain and restore biodiversity.
	Climate Adaptation Act Development and Delivery	\$10 million to support policy and engagement capability and technical expertise to develop a new Climate Adaptation Act (CAA) as part of the reforms to the resource management system.
	Reducing emissions from waste	\$103 million to implement proposals to reduce emissions from food waste and landfill.
	Resource Management Reform – Implementation	\$146 million to central and local government and iwi/Māori to enable the successful delivery of the RM Reform programme.
	Resource Management Reform – Strategic Planning	\$31 million to support strategic planning co-ordination within central government and engagement on RM Reforms.

Sector	Funding Initiative	Funding Details(\$ figure includes capital and operating expenditure)
Forestry	Establishing native forests at scale to develop long- term carbon sinks and improve biodiversity	\$79 million to remove barriers for native afforestation, scale-up native seedling production, and the development of a long-term national strategy and action plan to grow native forests in partnership with rural landowners, iwi/Māori, communities and the private sector.
Health	Mana Ake – Expansion of Mental Wellbeing support for primary and intermediate school-aged students	\$89 million to enable on-going delivery of Mana Ake in Canterbury and Kaikoura and establishment of Mana Ake programmes in other regions.
	Upgrade of Hillmorton hospital	\$78.3m for a new 80-bed adult acute inpatient mental health unit at Christchurch's Hillmorton Hospital
Internal Affairs	Central-Local Government Partnerships Function	\$7 million to provide ongoing funding for regionally-focuses partnerships to maintain co-ordinated and constructive relationship between local and central government.
	Three Waters Reform Support Package – Crown Contribution	\$1 billion to local authorities to support investment into community wellbeing, housing and climate related initiatives. (Note – this funding us part of the already announced \$2.5 billion Three Waters Reform Support Package announced in July 2021).
Te Arawhiti	Relativity Mechanism – Dispute Resolution	\$1.8 million to enable the Crown to participate in the resolution of disputes from the "relativity mechanisms" included in historical Treaty Settlements with Waikato-Tainui and Ngāi Tahu
Transport	Decarbonising the Public Transport Bus Fleet	\$40 million to support Public Transport Authorities to invest in bus decarbonisation initiatives (such as deploying zero-emission buses or investing in associated infrastructure).
	Future of Rail – Rail Network Investment Programme	\$312 million to provide a further Crown top-up to the National Land Transport Fund to meet the funding requirements to restore a resilient and reliable national rail network.
	Mode-Shift and Reduction in Light Vehicle Kilometres Travelled	\$374 million funding for activities, infrastructure and services that reduce reliance on cars and which supports the uptake of active and shared modes. Funding committed to rapid roll-out of urban cycle networks, walkable neighbourhoods, safer, green and healthier school travel and provisions for more reliable and user-friendly public transport.
	Public Transport – Extension to the 50 percent Fare Reduction	\$27 million to extend the 50% reduction in public transport fares by two months. Funding extends the temporary reduction in fares out until 31 August 2022.
	Public Transport Concessions for Community Services Cardholders	\$104 million to implement and operate an on-going 50 per cent concession on public transport for Community Services Cardholders.
	Retaining and Recruiting Bus Drivers – Improving Terms and Conditions	\$61 million to improve retention and recruitment of bus drivers through more attractive terms and conditions.