

# Agenda

## Canterbury Policy Forum

<b>Date</b>	Friday 19 October 2018
<b>Time</b>	12.00pm (lunch) for 12.30pm (meeting commences)
<b>Venue</b>	Council Chambers, Selwyn District Council, 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
<b>Attendees</b>	Bill Bayfield (Environment Canterbury - Chair), David Ward (Selwyn), Hamish Dobbie (Hurunui), Brendan Anstiss (Christchurch), Carolyn Johns (Waimate), Geoff Meadows (Waimakariri), Katherine Trought (Environment Canterbury), Mark Low (Timaru), Matt Hoggard (Kaikōura), Mike Searle (Waitaki), Ronnie Cooper (Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu), Simon Markham (Waimakariri), Toni Durham (Ashburton), Toni Morrison (Mackenzie), Tracy Tierney (Timaru)
<b>In Attendance</b>	Cecilia Ellis (Environment Canterbury) – for item 5 Chris Keeling (Environment Canterbury) – for item 6 Keith Tallentire (Greater Christchurch Partnership) – for item 7 Toshi Hodliffe (Environment Canterbury) – for item 10 Caroline Hart (Environment Canterbury) – for item 12  Secretariat: David Bromell, Simon Fraser, Vivo Ong (minutes)

### Apologies

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Person</b>
12:30	1. Welcome, introductions and apologies		Chair
	2. Confirmation of Agenda		Chair
	3. Minutes from the previous meeting	✓	Chair
	a. Confirmation of meeting minutes – 20 July 2018		
	b. Action points		
	4. Regional Forums update	✓	Chair
	<b>For discussion and decision</b>		
12:40	5. Central government update - wellbeing budget	✓	Cecilia Ellis
1:00	6. Biodiversity in the Canterbury region – update and next steps	✓	Chris Keeling
1:35	7. Urban Development in Greater Christchurch		Keith Tallentire
	<b>For information</b>		
2:05	8. Regional training workshops	✓	David Bromell
2:10	9. Canterbury Planning Managers working group update	✓	Geoff Meadows
2:20	10. Climate Change working group	✓	Toshi Hodliffe
2:30	11. Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement working group	✓	Tracy Tierney
2:40	12. CWMS update	✓	Caroline Hart
	<b>General business</b>		
2:50	13. Other matters		
<b>3:00</b>	<b>Close</b>		

*Next meeting: Friday 12 April 2019 TBC*

# Canterbury Policy Forum

# Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	Friday 20 July 2018 at 12.30 pm
<b>Venue:</b>	Council Chamber, Selwyn District Council, Rolleston
<b>Attendance:</b>	David Ward (Chair - acting), Judith Batchelor (for Hamish Dobbie), Toni Durham, Mark Low, Tracy Tierney, Simon Markham, Geoff Meadows, Ronnie Cooper, Toni Morrison, Matt Hoggard, Katherine Trought  Neville Reilly (CDEM Group Controller) & Mike Gillooly (Christchurch City Council) (for item 4) Environment Canterbury: David Perenara-O'Connell, Manaia Cunningham (for item 5), Sam Elder (for item 7) Secretariat: Simon Fraser, David Bromell, Louise McDonald (minutes)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Bill Bayfield (Environment Canterbury), Carolyn Johns (Waimate), Hamish Dobbie (Hurunui)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY POINTS DISCUSSED / RESOLVED	ACTION POINTS (Who will action, when?)
1.	David Ward welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that he would chair the meeting in Bill Bayfield's absence. He welcomed Toni Durham from Ashburton to her first Policy Forum.	
2.	<b>Confirmation of agenda</b> – the agenda was confirmed and no other matters raised.	
3.	<p><b>Minutes from 6 April 2018</b> were approved with the following revised wording provided by Ronnie Cooper for item 4: Ngāi Tahu update.</p> <p><i>Ronnie Cooper spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (notes tabled) and circulated the relevant extract from the Resource Management Act and a flow diagram illustrating the Mana Whakahono ā Rohe/Iwi Participation Arrangement Initiation Process. The legislation includes time deadlines for the stages of the formal process, and Ronnie recommended that councils begin discussions with Ngāi Tahu before the formal process is initiated. It is better to take time and get the process right.</i></p> <p><i>Existing Memoranda of Understanding can be used as a starting point for discussion with the Papatipu Rūnanga, but those documents will need to be developed further to meet the requirements of a Mana Whakahono a Rohe Agreement.</i></p>	

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	<p><i>Ronnie advised that there are two options in the legislation, for an Agreement with the iwi authority or with hapū. Ngāi Tahu has legal advice that hapū level Agreements may not be as robust as one with an iwi authority, or cover the full range of RMA matters. Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu intends to work with the Papatipu Rūnanga to ensure that Mana Whakahono a Rohe Agreements recognize and provide for the mana of the Papatipu Rūnanga and their priorities, while providing the maximum legal certainty.</i></p> <p>There were no other matters arising from the minutes.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Earthquake Recovery – Symposium and Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Response</b></p> <p>Neville Reilly spoke to a PowerPoint presentation on the Ministerial Review: <i>Better Responses to Natural Disasters and Other Emergencies in New Zealand</i>, carried out by a technical advisory group (TAG) led by Roger Sowry. The Minister has consulted with stakeholders on the report and an TAG Implications Project Team is developing a report for the Minister before the recommendations are considered by Cabinet. There are likely funding implications.</p> <p>Mike Gillooly provided an update on the Canterbury Earthquake Symposium to be held on 29 and 30 November 2018 at the University of Canterbury. The symposium is being arranged jointly by the Christchurch City Council and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and will have a strong academic component. He invited submissions of expressions of interest for abstracts for the Symposium by 27 July through the earthquake recovery website.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Tuia and Ngāi Tahu engagement</b></p> <p>Manaia Cunningham spoke to a PowerPoint presentation that described the SharePoint Platform that Environment Canterbury uses with the Tangata Whenua Advisory services that are contracted to provide professional advice on tangata whenua issues across Canterbury, including resource consent applications. This streamlines how Environment Canterbury works with these entities and provides accurate cost recovery information. Environment Canterbury was offering to work with the Councils to establish the platform for them.</p> <p>There was interest in the platform, but more information was requested particularly on the IT requirements before the other Councils could consider taking up this offer.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b>  <b>That the Canterbury Policy Forum:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Agree in principle that a SharePoint Platform can add value to a relationship between Territorial Authorities and Papatipu Rūnanga; and</b></li> </ol>	

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	<p><b>2. Agree to provide names of staff from member Councils to work with Environment Canterbury to identify the costs and benefits (including time saved and efficiency) of the proposal and report back to the next Policy Forum meeting.</b> David Ward/Ronnie Cooper</p>	
6.	<p><b>Biodiversity in the Canterbury region – update and next steps</b> Geoff Meadows presented this report, noting that it was still work in progress, and invited comments from the Forum.</p> <p>Concern with the decline in biodiversity in Canterbury had been raised in submissions to some Council's Long-Term Plans. The need for political support from the Councils was noted, particularly around concerns about biodiversity on private land. It was agreed to take the issue of strengthening biodiversity to the Mayoral Forum.</p> <p>Ronnie Cooper advised that the iwi chairs will be looking at the biodiversity framework for mana whenua and how it will align with climate change and freshwater management.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> <b>That the Canterbury Policy Forum:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Note the biodiversity in the Canterbury region – update and next steps report.</b></li> <li><b>2. Agree to report to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum recommending support for the ongoing development of a strengthened regional approach to biodiversity, including work to assess future options for the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy.</b></li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Geoff Meadows/Toni Morrison</p>	
7.	<p><b>Climate Change update</b> Sam Elder spoke to a PowerPoint presentation that provided an overview of National Policy and Guidance and the Canterbury Climate Change Working Party.</p> <p>In November 2016 the Cabinet agreed to establish the Climate Change Adaption Technical Working Group (CCATWG) to provide advice to the Government on adapting to the impacts of climate change. The Ministry for the Environment has developed Coastal Hazards &amp; Climate: guidance for local government. The short timeframes provided for submissions to Government was raised as was the lack of a National Coastal Policy Statement .</p> <p>The Canterbury Climate Change Working Group, led by Stefanie Rixecker, would welcome any feedback. Their 2018 work programme includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge regarding climate change</li> <li>• Community resilience</li> <li>• Hazards, sea level rise and flooding</li> </ul>	

AGENDA ITEM	KEY POINTS DISCUSSED / RESOLVED	ACTION POINTS (Who will action, when?)
8.	<p><b>Policy Forum training opportunities</b></p> <p>David Bromell presented this report on options for joint training of policy and planning staff developed with Nicole Randall (Christchurch).</p> <p><b>Resolved</b>  <b>That the Canterbury Policy Forum:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. indicate interest in running sub-regional workshops on ‘Thinking together ... before we write’ during August–October 2018</li> <li>2. indicate interest in a train-the-trainers workshop on peer review and writing recommendations early in 2019</li> <li>3. note the delay in the release of data from Census 2018 and ask the Secretariat to organise a regional workshop for the first half of 2019 on using population data in policy and planning</li> <li>4. agree to draw on the Policy Forum training budget to cover any catering, printing and facilitator travel costs for training events organised for the Policy Forum.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Toni Durham / Simon Markham</p>	
9.	<p><b>Canterbury Planning Managers Group update</b></p> <p>Geoff Meadows presented this report. He noted that ECan are leading a regional response on Per and Poly-fluorinated Alkyl Substances (PFAS) contamination, and Councils should to engage with this. PFAS are in some fire-fighting foam that have been raised as an issue of concern.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b>  <b>That the Canterbury Policy Forum:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Note the Canterbury Planning Managers Group’s efforts to respond to the LGNZ think piece <i>Addressing New Zealand’s Biodiversity Challenge</i>.</li> <li>2 Note that the Canterbury Planning Managers Group will prepare a draft regional response for the Mayoral Forum’s consideration on the draft National Planning Standards (deadline 17 August 2018).</li> <li>3 Note that there has been no PFAS (Per and Poly-fluorinated Alkyl Substances) contamination plans developed by Canterbury Territorial Authorities or thinking about testing for PFAS contamination.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Geoff Meadows/Matt Hoggard</p>	

10.	<p><b>Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement working group</b></p> <p>Tracy Tierney presented this report, and the <i>Canterbury Strategic Compliance Strategy (17 July 2018)</i> that had been circulated separately. Tracy thanked everyone for their support for this work.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b>  <b>That the Canterbury Policy Forum:</b></p> <p><b>1. Recommend the Canterbury Strategic Compliance Framework to the Chief Executives Forum.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tracy Tierney/Toni Morrison</p>	
11.	<p><b>Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) update</b></p> <p>Katherine Trought presented this report, highlighting the project to ensure that the CWMS is fit for the future needs of the region.</p> <p>Input from the Councils for the next CWMS report, that will go to CE and Mayoral Forums, was invited.</p> <p>The issue of responsibility and duty of care with regard to shallow private wells across the region was raised – this question had also been raised within work on Three Waters, with no clear answer..</p>	
12.	<p><b>Other matters – Three Waters</b></p> <p>Simon Fraser advised that the Central government review of Three Waters, being led by DIA, has become a priority issue across the regional forums. A stocktake and next steps for Three Waters paper will be provided to the next Chief Executives Forum, before going to the Mayoral Forum. This is intended to prepare Mayors and CEs to respond outcomes and Cabinet decisions on the Three Waters review, expected in October.</p> <p>David Ward reported that at the LGNZ Conference that the Minister had signalled that affordability was no longer an excuse for non-compliance for drinking water standards. This will have an impact on many communities, particularly those that are under resourced.</p> <p>The Productivity Commission’s inquiry into local government funding will also be a factor for this issue. David Ward welcomed the inquiry and recommended the Group to look at the Shand report of 2007.</p> <p>David also recommended looking at the LGNZ site for information of the concept of localism that was also raised at the LGNZ Conference.</p>	

	<b>Long Term Plans</b> The Group shared their experiences of the recent LTP process. Simon Markham shared a cautionary tale concerning a split vote that reinforced the need to have a plan in place when there is no 'status quo' for a split vote on a controversial matter.	
	<b>The meeting closed at 2.50 pm</b> Next Meeting: Friday 19 October 2018	

**Date:** 19 October 2018

**Presented by:** Simon Fraser, Regional Forum Secretariat

## Canterbury Regional Forums update

### Purpose

1. This paper provides an update on the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum and Canterbury Mayoral Forum meetings since July 2018.

### Recommendations

**That the Canterbury Policy Forum:**

- 1. note the updates from the Chief Executives and Mayoral Forum meetings since July 2018**

### Chief Executives Forum

2. The Chief Executives Forum met on 6 August 2018, hosted at Selwyn District Council. Key agenda items were:
  - discussion on the central government review of Three Waters. This included receiving a draft stocktake of Three Waters assets across Canterbury, and how Canterbury should position itself to respond to upcoming announcements from central government.
  - update on the implementation of the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy (CREDS). This included:
    - updates on the 3-year work programme
    - the CREDS quarterly project report
    - updates on Canterbury applications to the Provincial Growth Fund.
  - an update on regional transport priorities across Canterbury. This included receiving an update on the CREDS Transport workstream, updates on central government transport initiatives, and how the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee is responding to the changes announced in the Government Policy Statement on Regional Transport.
  - an update on the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) implementation
  - the regular report from the Policy, Corporate and Operations Forums on their third cycle of meetings for 2018.



3. The next Chief Executives Forum will be on 5 November 2018.

## **Mayoral Forum**

4. On 6 September, the evening prior to the Mayoral Forum meeting, Mayors and Chief Executives met for a working dinner. Mayor Craig Rowley facilitated discussion on value-added production, one of seven priorities in the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy.
5. Invited guests were Murray Strong (Chair, Lincoln University – AgResearch Joint Facility), Anna Elphick (ChristchurchNZ), David Rendall and Helen Wyn (Senior Regional Official for Canterbury).
6. David Rendall has been facilitating workshops in each district as part of multi-year projects to boost value-added production in Canterbury. These projects are being delivered for the Mayoral Forum by the University of Canterbury and ChristchurchNZ.
7. The Mayoral Forum met on 7 September 2018, hosted at Environment Canterbury.
  - The Forum reviewed the current state of 3 Waters management in Canterbury. The Operations Forum, Drinking Water Reference Group, Engineering Managers and Stormwater Forum assisted Chief Executives with this stocktake. The Mayoral Forum requested further analysis of capital expenditure to ensure we have an accurate and consistent snapshot of our current state.
  - Mayors Dalziel, Ayers and Rowley will work with Chief Executives and the secretariat to shape and refine a potential Mayoral Forum response to proposals emerging from the Government's 3 Waters review.
  - Joanna Norris (ChristchurchNZ) presented the CREDS economic indicators report (August 2018). This includes regional transport indicators for the first time.
  - Tim Loftus (ChristchurchNZ) presented progress in developing the Canterbury story, to attract and retain talent and business to the region.
  - Steve Lowndes (Environment Canterbury) reported great progress over winter 2018 in meeting National Environmental Standards for Air Quality across the region.
  - Hon Dr Megan Woods met with the Mayoral Forum for discussion focusing on research, science and innovation and value-added production.
8. Following the meeting, Canterbury MPs joined the Mayoral Forum for a presentation on the Mayoral Forum's priorities and progress on implementing the triennial agreement and the CREDS in this local government term.
9. The next Mayoral Forum meeting will be held on 6 & 7 December.

**Date:** 19 October 2018

**Presented by:** Cecilia Ellis, Strategic Policy, Environment Canterbury

## Government's Wellbeing approach

### Purpose

1. This paper is to brief the Forum on the Government's Wellbeing approach, which has implications for how we make decisions, monitor and report progress and advocate. Understanding how Government decisions are being made will help us influence issues and priorities affecting Canterbury.

### Recommendations

**That the Canterbury Policy Forum:**

1. **discuss the Government's Wellbeing approach and potential implications for the Canterbury regional forums.**

### Background

2. The Government wants to look beyond traditional GDP and economic growth targets, and instead focus on improving the wellbeing of New Zealanders through productive, sustainable and inclusive growth (a 'Wellbeing approach'). This means a focus on measuring Government performance by how well it improves the current and future wellbeing of New Zealanders. The Government considers this will improve decision making around wellbeing and sustainability and increase accountability to the public.
3. The Government's Wellbeing approach has four components:
  - establish a comprehensive set of indicators that are enduring and provide transparency around wellbeing of New Zealanders
  - take a broader and more rigorous approach to consider the different components that contribute to wellbeing, recognising trade-offs and dependencies across these components, in the shorter and longer term
  - make strategic and collectively owned choices on complex issues, and balance current and future wellbeing needs
  - consider how the public sector operates to deliver wellbeing improvements.
4. To achieve this, Government have an ongoing programme of work, consisting of:
  - Treasury's development of a **Living Standards Framework, dashboard and report**. The framework aims to provide a more comprehensive picture of wellbeing

to ensure that government advice and decisions are influenced by more than just financial measures. It contains current wellbeing indicators of New Zealanders based around 12 domains, distribution of wellbeing across the population and indicators of future wellbeing based on the four capitals.

- Stats NZ development of a set of comprehensive indicators, known as **Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand (IANZ)**, to align with and inform Treasury’s Living Standard dashboard. IANZ will also inform a range of domestic domain reporting (e.g. environmental reporting), inform international reporting and New Zealand’s impact on the rest of the world (e.g. the UN’s sustainable development goals), and various sector and agency strategies (e.g. the child wellbeing strategy).
- work to present **Budget 2019 as ‘ the Wellbeing budget’**, where the Wellbeing approach will be used to inform investment priorities and spending decisions.

**Figure 1 – The interaction between current wellbeing and the four capitals in the Living Standards Framework**



5. Attachment 1 explains how the components of the Wellbeing approach work together.
6. The development of the Wellbeing approach is iterative and will be progressed over time to make sure the framework and IANZ are enduring in the New Zealand context. In particular, Treasury is progressing work to incorporate cultural/Te Ao perspectives across the four capitals, and the next iteration of the framework will consider the role of culture, including Māori culture as part of the capitals approach in more detail.

### What does this mean for local government?

7. The Wellbeing approach holds significant potential for the way we make decisions, although the implications will emerge as the approach is developed. Possible considerations include:
  - changes in the way we shape our advice when influencing government policy and budget decisions

- opportunities for how we incorporate wellbeing into our decision-making, report progress and demonstrate balance between economic development and environmental protection
- opportunities to address current data and information gaps and strengthen regional and sub-regional sector information
- potential changes to what we monitor and report on.

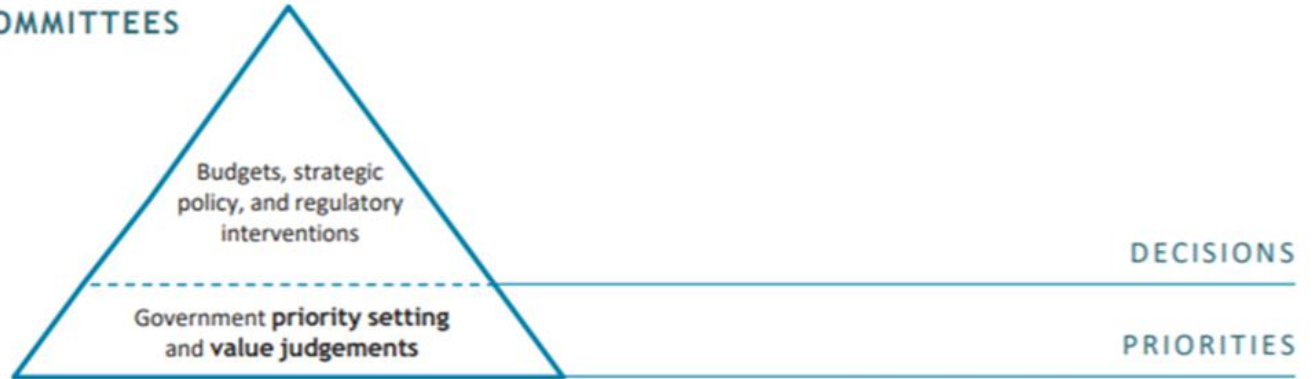
## **Next steps**

8. The first set of IANZ are expected to be released towards the end of 2018 and final set of indicators available by early 2019. Stats NZ are currently consulting on these indicators to ensure they are meaningful for the public.
9. Treasury will also publish an interim Living Standards dashboard by the end of the year. They intend to publish an annual Living Standards report and this will inform the Wellbeing Budget 2019.

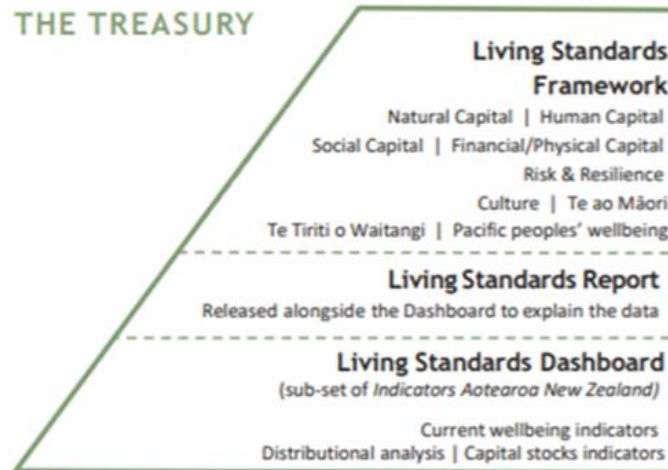
## **Attachments**

- Attachment 1 – Components of the Wellbeing approach

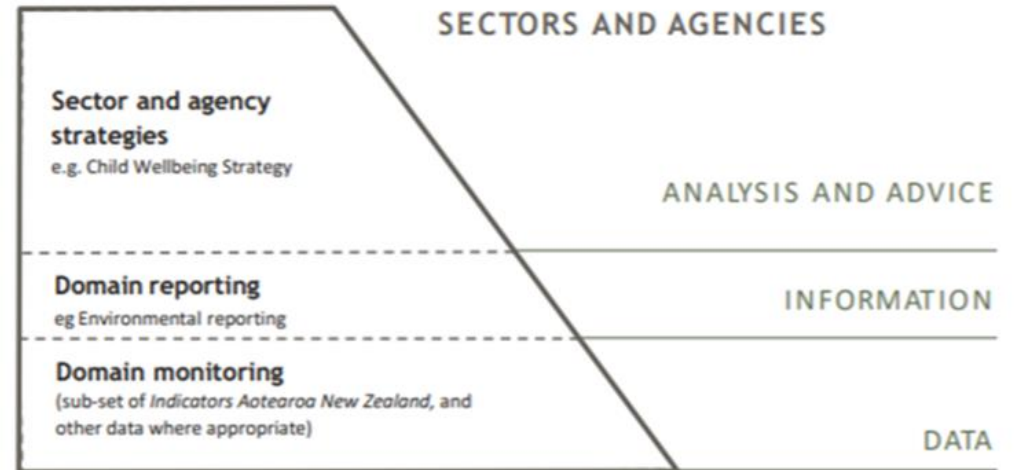
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## THE TREASURY



## SECTORS AND AGENCIES



## STATS NZ



**Date:** 19 October 2018

**Presented by:** Chris Keeling, Environment Canterbury

## **Biodiversity in the Canterbury region – update and next steps**

### **Purpose**

1. This paper provides an update on the ongoing biodiversity conversation through the Canterbury Planning Managers Group and outlines a package of work to develop a collective approach to biodiversity management in Canterbury.

### **Recommendations**

**That the Canterbury Policy Forum:**

1. **note the content of this report**
2. **agree to support the outlined package of work**
3. **agree to this paper being presented at the CEs Forum on 5 November 2018.**

### **Background**

2. Our native flora and fauna is a taonga that does much to define us as a nation. Good progress is being made in some areas of biodiversity management throughout New Zealand, aided by effective new technology and greater public, corporate and philanthropic attention to and investment in the environment. But business as usual will not be good enough if we are to maintain our unique indigenous biodiversity. It is under threat, and we are losing ground in many cases.
3. The Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) thinkpiece, *Addressing New Zealand's Biodiversity Challenge*, released last year recommends five key shifts that need to be made to start addressing the biodiversity challenge. These include:
  - the need for strong leadership and clarity of roles and responsibilities
  - the need to agree where we should focus our efforts at national, regional and local level
  - the importance of a national plan and delivering joined-up action across all players
  - the need to understand what success looks like, and how to measure it
  - the need for modern, fit-for-purpose frameworks, including legislation, to help achieve our goals.

4. Through previous papers in February and July 2018, the Policy Forum was provided with background on the emerging significance of biodiversity both nationally and within Canterbury. This included:
  - background on the emerging significance of biodiversity at a national, regional and local level
  - highlighting the important role of territorial authorities in meeting the biodiversity challenge
  - updating the Policy Forum on Environment Canterbury's biodiversity content in the current Long-Term Plan (the 'step change')
  - proposing that a refreshed Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy could be a key mechanism to drive a stronger regional approach to biodiversity for Canterbury.

### **A changing national, strategic context**

5. National biodiversity policy is gaining momentum with initiatives from both the Ministry for the Environment and the Department of Conservation (DOC).
6. The Biodiversity Collaborative Group – the group tasked with drafting a National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity (NPSIB) – has now drafted and delivered recommendations to the Associate Minister for the Environment. Officials will continue to work on this in the coming months.
7. Alongside this, DOC will be reviewing the New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy 2000-2020 with the intent of providing refreshed over-arching national direction and aligning with the NPSIB. This will consider the five key shifts developed through the LGNZ thinkpiece and provide clarity of roles and responsibilities of all biodiversity players. DOC aims to deliver a revised strategy by December 2019.

### **Canterbury context**

8. Canterbury biodiversity management requires a coordinated and cooperative approach from the many agencies and organisations with responsibilities for biodiversity, and from communities, individuals and landowners across the region. Figure 1 identifies some of the key roles and responsibilities. Environment Canterbury is focussed on freshwater habitats and the coastal marine environment, while territorial authorities have the role of managing terrestrial habitats.
9. Both Environment Canterbury and territorial authorities are generally active in playing their roles in biodiversity management, albeit to varying degrees – there is a lot of work happening across the region.
10. However, progress can be hampered by resourcing challenges, lack of clear priorities, poor alignment between players, and political willingness.
11. Councils have identified future projects that could support biodiversity outcomes. A co-ordinated approach with greater strategic alignment across the region could further

support the work being undertaken by councils in the region. Better data and monitoring would support better prioritisation and reporting at local and regional levels.

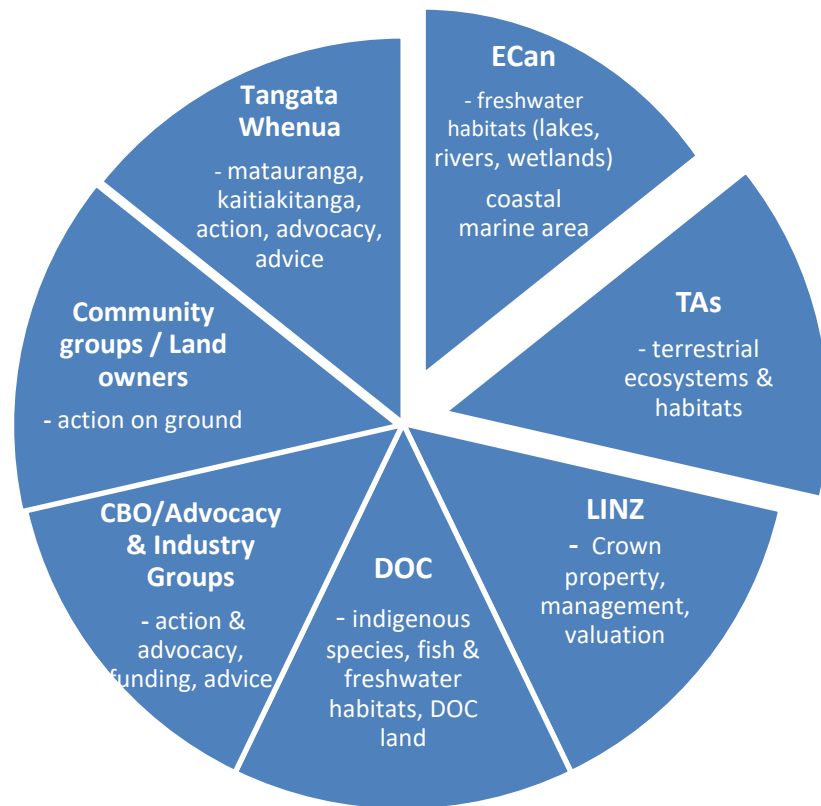


Figure 1 Roles and Responsibilities

## The Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy

12. The Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy, released in 2008, established a strategic approach to biodiversity in the region with a vision to protect, maintain and restore Canterbury's indigenous biodiversity.
13. The 18 signatories include Environment Canterbury, eight district councils, two central government departments (LINZ and DOC) and Te Runanga ō Ngāi Tahu.
14. The strategy sets out a series of goals and targets that aim to halt the decline of biodiversity across the region, including on-the-ground action, monitoring, research and communications.
15. As it stands, the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy is broadly aligned with national and local aspirations and initiatives, such as Predator Free 2050. It has also been incorporated into regional and district plans, policies, and related documents, and it is still referenced by agencies and NGOs in strategic documents and funding applications.
16. Environment Canterbury has recently engaged with the signatories to the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy to understand:



- the value of the Strategy as it stands
  - how they had implemented the Strategy
  - challenges for the implementation of the Strategy/biodiversity protection in Canterbury
  - their thoughts on the future of the Strategy.
17. Overall, the consensus from these discussions is that the Strategy's vision, goals, and high-level targets are still relevant, and the Strategy is valuable. However, it has been a challenge to give meaningful effect to the Strategy. Reasons for this include a change in political priorities, a lack of regional ownership and clear leadership, and, most of all, the lack of a clear implementation plan.

## **Developing a regional approach for Canterbury**

18. As a region, we have an opportunity to set ourselves up to respond to the changing national strategic environment. A refreshed Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy and accompanying implementation plan would be a promising vehicle to drive this.
19. An implementation plan will be developed alongside the Strategy to bring together the existing workstreams of all players with better strategic links, ensuring alignment of work across the region to help achieve the goals of the Strategy. Territorial authorities will have a significant role to play in this.
20. A refresh also provides the opportunity to reassess *how* we collectively approach biodiversity management, including building relationships and working with landowners, the appropriate use of regulation, local flexibility and collective monitoring and data management.
21. Another key implementation challenge that will need to be addressed is the lack of a single point of ownership. The Strategy is a region-wide strategy, currently adopted by multiple agencies and organisations and there are more organisations for whom it could be relevant. The Mayoral Forum will likely be considered as an option for providing the necessary leadership to advance the Strategy, similar to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.
22. Ultimately, successful delivery of the strategy and implementation plan could and should be the platform to tell a compelling story to seek and encourage greater external investment in biodiversity on behalf of 'Canterbury Inc.'

23. The following package of work is proposed:

<p>a. Refreshed Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Streamlined process</li> <li>• Minor overhaul</li> <li>• Reaffirm existing support and gather additional support</li> <li>• Clear priorities</li> <li>• Clear roles and responsibilities</li> </ul>
<p>b. Implementation plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring together and make visible existing work across all players</li> <li>• Identify and programme new activities/interventions to address priorities</li> <li>• Identify gaps and resourcing shortfall</li> <li>• Identify plan to address gaps and resourcing shortfall</li> </ul>
<p>c. Governance and supporting structure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify options for governance arrangements, e.g. Mayoral Forum</li> <li>• Identify options for implementation structure</li> </ul>

24. Environment Canterbury are currently providing leadership on the above package, supported by a Canterbury Planning Managers Biodiversity subgroup. This structure will continue to drive the refresh process for councils. LINZ is on the subgroup and staff are endeavouring to include DOC in the near future so that all major deliverers are represented.

25. It is anticipated that the above package will be delivered in approximately 12 months. To achieve this, it will be important that Territorial Authorities provide information in a timely manner.

26. Regular updates will be provided through to the Canterbury Planning Managers Group and the Policy Forum.

## Next steps

27. Staff will progress the above package of work.

28. This paper will be presented to the Chief Executives Forum on 5 November 2018.

**Date:** 19 October 2018

**Presented by:** David Bromell, Principal Advisor, Regional Forums Secretariat;  
Nicole Randall, Principal Advisor, Centre of Excellence for Quality Advice and Policy Development, Christchurch City Council

## Regional training workshops

### Purpose

1. This paper updates the Policy Forum on regional training workshops to improve the quality of advice we provide to decision makers.

### Recommendations

**That the Canterbury Policy Forum:**

1. **note that staff from the Ashburton, Selwyn and Christchurch councils and Environment Canterbury participated in a regional workshop on *Thinking together ... before we write* at Selwyn District Council on 28 September 2018**
2. **note that a second workshop is planned for South Canterbury councils at Timaru District Council on 25 October 2018**
3. **advise whether there is interest in organising a workshop for North Canterbury councils early in 2019.**

### Background

2. On 20 July 2018, the Policy Forum agreed to offer training workshops to council staff in South, Mid- and North Canterbury on *Thinking together ... before we write*.
3. Nicole Randall (Centre of Excellence for Quality Advice and Policy Development, Christchurch City Council) and David Bromell (Principal Advisor, Environment Canterbury) developed the workshop format and content and had previously piloted it with staff from the Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury.
4. The workshop covers:
  - client expectations of quality advice – an opportunity to hear directly from a councillor and senior manager
  - clear commissioning – and the art of asking questions to help advisors get it right first time
  - collective thinking/outlining before we open a template and start writing – via whiteboarding, brainstorming and mind-mapping

- compelling communication – storyboarding the structure and presentation of advice and summarising this in a 30-second ‘elevator speech’.
5. The workshop is run in two streams. Team leaders commission a (real) piece of advice, which becomes the basis for outlining, storyboarding and preparing an elevator speech. While teams are working on exercises, team leaders reflect with a facilitator on:
- how do I add value to the advice my team prepares?
  - how do I build capability in my team?

## **Mid-Canterbury workshop**

6. 21 managers/team leaders and advisors from the Ashburton, Selwyn and Christchurch councils and Environment Canterbury participated in a workshop on Friday 28 September 2018. Selwyn District Council hosted the workshop.
7. Feedback from the participants is attached as Appendix 1. In summary, the feedback indicates that:
- the style, format, duration and pace of the workshop works well for both team members and team leaders/managers
  - hearing client expectations from a councillor (Craig Watson, Selwyn) and senior manager (Mary Richardson, Christchurch) was a highlight
  - staff appreciate the opportunity to get to know and work with colleagues in other councils
  - the mindsets, tools and techniques taught and practised in the workshop are relevant and useful.

## **South and North Canterbury workshops**

8. Mark Low is co-ordinating a workshop for staff in the Timaru, Mackenzie, Waimate and Waitaki District Councils and Environment Canterbury staff based in Timaru. This workshop will be held at Timaru District Council on Thursday 25 October 2018.
9. If there is interest from the Waimakariri, Hurunui and Kaikōura District Councils, Nicole and David are available to run the workshop in North Canterbury early in 2019.

## **Cost of training**

10. The workshops are free to participants.
- A host council provides meeting facilities, tea and coffee.
  - Each council meets the costs of its own staff time and travel.
  - The Policy Forum training budget for 2018/19 meets costs for catering, printing and facilitator travel.

11. The cost of running the mid-Canterbury workshop was \$701.65. We have budgeted \$2,400 for regional training events in the Policy Forum budget for 2018/19.

## Next steps

12. As discussed in the meeting held on 2 July 2018, next steps are:

Training event	When?
<i>Thinking together ... before we write</i> : South Canterbury	25 Oct 2018
<i>Thinking together ... before we write</i> : North Canterbury	? early 2019
'Train the trainers' workshop on writing recommendations and peer review	first half of 2019
Workshop with Stats NZ on using population data in policy and planning	following release of Census data, mid-2019

13. David Bromell will be on special leave from 5 November to 21 December 2018, based at the Institute for Governance and Policy Studies, School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington.
14. We will report to the Policy Forum on 12 April 2019 with detailed proposals for the 'train the trainers' workshop and proposed workshop with staff from Stats NZ on using population data in policy and planning.

## Attachments

- Feedback on workshop held at Selwyn, 28 September 2018

## Appendix 1: Feedback from regional workshop held at Selwyn District Council on Friday 28 September 2018

n=19/21 participants

### 1. What is one thing you will do differently as a result of this workshop?

- ask questions for clarity, and confirm expectations
- plan more before I write
- clarify the purpose, form and other specifics of pieces of work I'm given; focus more on the key points at the beginning of longer reports; work together more and feel more confident in asking others to contribute to the thinking
- clarify expectations via email; ask questions; seek input from others
- practice the elevator pitch
- write reports for communicating/the public – not just council
- storyboard – before template; ask more questions; practice 30 sec speech; email back for clarity
- planning; ask questions; double check if I don't understand
- storyboarding; elevator speech
- storyboarding
- don't start writing until I have 'whiteboarded' (group or individually) the structure and parts, especially the *purpose*; try to get a clear commission from my team leader/management
- storyboarding; emailing for clarity; get more information; don't use 'whilst'
- start out with a 'hook'; don't write like a uni essay; objective not subjective
- planning in depth; storyboarding
- storyboarding; no surprises
- stepping back to view the overall story and context and how individual details fit within this; work more with others in planning
- use Post-it notes for storyboarding pre-writing helps arrange ideas into the most logical order – all pieces are there but often need re-arranging
- incorporate 'no surprises' approach into writing advice – use sign-posting, most important point first, rather than the 'building-a-case' style; practice an 'elevator pitch' for projects I'm working on
- open template after brainstorming/storyboarding; seek confirmation of information/commissioning; template to include communication

### 2. What did you enjoy about today's training?

- open dialogue; practice
- diversity of people attending; good location
- meeting other colleagues and working together on the case example we were given
- working together, sharing and hearing different approaches and perspectives
- interactive and exercises to work through
- energy and expertise of tutors; exercises based on previous discussion, each step of the exercise builds on the last
- practical situations; 'doing'
- team exercises
- practical
- discussions on writing strategies
- the lovely presenters and presenting style; I liked the format of working in groups, just reporting back to the team leader in the group – less tedious than the whole

group reporting back thing; the mix of councils and ECan attendees; the two speakers at the beginning

- activities – hands on
- practical and fun
- team ideas and discussions
- practice sessions
- interactive; lots of activities and not too much lecturing; experience of GM and Councillor useful to hear
- facilitators were great; good pace
- meeting others from different TAs
- hearing tips from the client/customers (Councillor and GM)
- practising structuring advice in a team
- practical / live stories / examples; theory/practical mix

### **3. How could this training be delivered better/differently next time?**

- worked well in current format
- good presenters and having a Councillor and executive member as occurred today – carry this on
- I thought it was great – perfect length, pace and content in my opinion
- can't think of anything immediately
- excellent course; highly recommended
- maybe broaden discussion beyond policy? – not just policy folks in the audience
- maybe longer to allow more time to do the doing
- fewer exercises
- more training of this kind is needed
- include David's book in the course cost or have discounted copies for sale
- great course; very helpful to me
- further training on 30 seconds (elevator speech); offer this course to more staff
- could work with different examples – however I also see the benefit of working through one for the whole day
- could have had a full day, I reckon
- good division of team members and team leader split.

<b>Report from:</b>	Canterbury Planning Managers Group (CPMG)
<b>Date:</b>	19 October 2018
<b>Presented by:</b>	Geoff Meadows

## Recommendations

That the Canterbury Policy Forum:

- 1 note that the regional submission to the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) on the draft National Planning Standards was co-ordinated by CPMG, led by Timaru District Council, and dispatched by the deadline for submissions.
- 2 note the advice from MfE of 2 October 2018 that the Minister for the Environment will not be making a decision until April 2019 on whether the National Planning Standards will make consistency of plans with the standards in plan review cycles.

Significant activities in this quarter	<p>CPMG met on 21 September, and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• assessment of impacts and costs of implementing the National Planning Standards on Canterbury councils</li> <li>• further progress on refreshing the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy</li> <li>• how CPMG will engage internally on regional submissions</li> <li>• establishment of CPMG sub-group to address recruitment of planners across Canterbury councils.</li> </ul>
Contribution to Mayoral Forum three-year work programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Issues / risks / opportunities	<p><b>National Planning Standards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The impacts and costs of the National Planning Standards on local government Resource Management Act 1991 plans is dependent upon whether or not consistency with the standards can be effected at the stage of a plan review.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Territorial authorities currently undertaking a District Plan review will not be significantly impacted by the gazettal of the National Planning Standards (for example Selwyn, Timaru, Waitaki and Waimakariri), however some councils have only relatively recently completed a District Plan review (for example Hurunui, Ashburton, Waimate and the City) and it is still not clear when consistency with the National Planning Standards will be required.</li> <li>• Advice from the Ministry of Environment received on 2 October 2018 states final decisions will not be made by Ministers until April 2019. MfE noted that standards proposed during public consultation provided for a 5 or 7 year implementation timeframe, reflecting the usual plan review cycle for the majority of councils. There was a notable amount of feedback on implementation proposals during public consultation. MfE are currently summarising submissions, and working up advice for Ministers to consider.</li> <li>• The impact and costs on ECan will be considerably more than on individual territorial authorities with several Regional Plans and the Regional Policy Statement.</li> <li>• Territorial Authorities in the process of District Plan reviews won't be impacted, providing they will not be required to retrofit operative plans into the NPS while in the middle of a District Plan review.</li> <li>• The National Planning Standards will limit the ability for rolling reviews of District Plans, as chapters will be out of context.</li> <li>• The lack of clarity in terms of timing provides further uncertainty in terms of budgeting for those councils who have completed their review but funded the process through loans (such as Ashburton).</li> </ul>
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### Canterbury Planning Managers Group (CPMG)

<b>Purpose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide support for a strong local government force on planning matters</li> <li>• Reduce duplication of planning effort</li> <li>• Support councils when assessing national and regional planning initiatives;</li> <li>• Practice working together in ways that support innovation, collaboration and joint initiatives.</li> </ul>
<b>Chair / Members</b>	<p>Chair: Geoff Meadows – Waimakariri District Council</p> <p>Members: Planning Managers from the 10 territorial authorities and the regional council</p>

### Biodiversity sub-group

<b>Purpose</b>	Drive action on biodiversity-related issues, with an initial focus on identifying an approach to biodiversity management that works at both regional and local scales
<b>Chair / Members</b>	Chair: Chris Keeling - ECan Members: Waitaki, Selwyn, Ashburton, Waimakariri, Kaikōura

### Work programme 2018–19

What	Who	By when	Measures of success	Status
Explore whether the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy (2008) ticks the box for everyone in terms of direction and actions	Sub-group	6 July 2018	Refresh of strategy adopted by Mayoral Forum	Work in progress
Engage DoC and LINZ	CPMG	6 July 2018	Central Government agencies engaged	LINZ engaged; DoC engagement work in progress
Identify, assess, and recommend a preferred approach to biodiversity management for Canterbury	CPMG	December 2018	Preferred approach adopted	Work in progress
Engage senior leaders and governors through the Policy Forum and Mayoral Forum	CPMG	19 October 2018	Policy and Mayoral Forum endorsement	On the Policy Forum agenda for 19/10/18

### Recruitment of planners sub-group

<b>Purpose</b>	Address issues relating to the recruitment of planners across Canterbury Councils
<b>Chair / Members</b>	Chair: Andrew Parish - ECan Members: Christchurch, Timaru, Ashburton, Waimakariri, Kaikōura

### Work programme 2018–19

What	Who	By when	Measures of success	Status
Problem definition, time frame for results, involvement of Universities/NZPI/private sector	Sub-group	November 2018	To be determined	Work in progress

<b>Report from:</b>	Canterbury Climate Change Working Group
<b>Date:</b>	19 October 2018
<b>Presented by:</b>	Toshi Hodliffe (Environment Canterbury) on behalf of Stefanie Rixecker (Chair)

## Recommendations

That the Canterbury Policy Forum:

- 1 approve the updated work program for the Canterbury Climate Change Working Group

Significant activities in this quarter	<p>Climate change calendar is live and accessible on the Environment Canterbury website</p> <p>Multiple submissions delivered by staff/organisations on climate change related policy proposals including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Our climate, your say' zero carbon bill consultation document</li> <li>• Productivity Commission's draft report on transitioning to a low-emissions economy</li> </ul> <p>Multiple organisations, including Environment Canterbury, have completed internal carbon assessments</p> <p>Refreshed the working group's work programme</p> <p>Multiple staff and councillors attended the LGNZ climate change conference</p> <p>The MfE workshop in Canterbury on coastal hazards and climate change: guidance for local government was attended by working group members</p>
Contribution to Mayoral Forum three-year work programme	<p>Contributing to natural hazard risk management (in partnership with the Natural Hazards working group):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• monitor natural hazards management reform that includes climate change impacts, mitigation and adaptation and possible emergence of a National Policy Statement for Natural Hazards</li> </ul>

Issues / risks / opportunities	Opportunity: could be cheaper to do a combined approach across Canterbury regarding the monitoring and assessing of emissions – we are investigating this.
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### Canterbury Climate Change Working Group

<b>Purpose</b>	To progress the consideration and planning of Canterbury to adapt to and mitigate climate change
<b>Chair / Members</b>	Stefanie Rixecker, Teresa Wooding, Stephanie Chin, Sam Elder, Toni Durham, Amit Chauhan, Geoff Meadows, Kevin McDonnell

### Work programme 2018–19

*Work programme action area one: knowledge regarding climate change – informed senior staff and elected officials, from basic information to more detailed knowledge.*

<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>By when</b>	<b>Measures of success</b>	<b>Status</b>
Workshop for staff and/or councils who are still developing their knowledge on climate change using appropriate speakers for the audience e.g. for rural industry bodies who are working on climate change issues, councillors from other councils who are active in climate change policy, or council staff. Using a range of fora for workshops for e.g. council briefings, field talks, Zone Committee meetings	HDC and ADC to lead	TBD	Increased level of education/ working knowledge for councillors.	In progress

*Work programme action area two: community resilience -supporting communities to prepare for climate change without feeling helpless by supporting public awareness and personal responsibility*

<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>By when</b>	<b>Measures of success</b>	<b>Status</b>
Develop community resilience brochure	TRoNT, CCC, SDC	Update to be provided Nov 18	Information for community	In progress
Share calendar of climate change events	ECan	Ongoing	Information for community	Ongoing

*Work programme action area three: hazards, sea level rise and flooding - a regional approach to implementing guidance from MFE and DOC*

<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>By when</b>	<b>Measures of success</b>	<b>Status</b>
<p>Front-foot Canterbury response to the Climate Change Adaptation Technical Working Group's final reports by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• influencing national approach</li> <li>• developing a regional climate change risk assessment.</li> </ul>	ECan, CCC		<p>Central Government direction that is workable for Canterbury</p> <p>An actionable picture of climate change risks for Canterbury that supports risk reduction.</p>	In progress
Investigate the development of a Canterbury maps hazard layer – in partnership with the Canterbury Natural Hazard Risk Reduction Working Group, as this deliverable relates to the regional approach to managing natural hazard risk work programme	ECan/TRoNT	Update to be provided Nov 18	Information on local impacts of changing weather on infrastructure (of all kinds – water supplies, drainage, flood control, roads etc	In progress

*Reactive work programme actions*

<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>By when</b>	<b>Measures of success</b>	<b>Status</b>
Engage in significant Climate Change consultations and influence the national approach	All	As required and with the agreement of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum	Central Government direction that is workable for Canterbury	In progress
Engage on the Zero Carbon Bill	All	As required and with the agreement of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum	Central Government direction that is workable for Canterbury	In progress

<b>Report from:</b>	Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement (CME) working group
<b>Date:</b>	19 October 2018
<b>Presented by:</b>	Tracy Tierney (Chair, Timaru District Council)

## Recommendations

That the Canterbury Policy Forum:

- 1 recommend that the Canterbury Mayoral Forum invite the CME working group to present the Canterbury strategic compliance framework as a precursor to a proposed Canterbury wide elected members roadshow

Significant activities in this quarter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canterbury strategic compliance framework adopted</li> </ul>
Contribution to Mayoral Forum three-year work programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Issues / risks / opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To effectively implement the compliance framework consistently across the region will require the support of elected members from all Canterbury councils. To achieve this, we are proposing to develop a 'Lifting our game together' presentation in conjunction with the Ministry for the Environment for elected members to improve their understanding and gain their support for the implementation of the framework.</li> </ul>

## Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement (CME) Working Group

<b>Purpose</b>	Establish regional consistency regarding principles and approach to compliance, monitoring and enforcement
<b>Chair / Members</b>	Tracy Tierney, Chair Ian Hyde (Ashburton), Nick Daniels and James Tricker (Environment Canterbury), Tracy Tierney (Timaru), Paul Cooper (Timaru), Andrew Brown (Hurunui), Mark Mitchell (Kaikoura), Nick Harrison (Waimakariri), Leonie Rae (Christchurch), Tracey Weston (Christchurch), Billy Charlton (Selwyn), Karina Morrow (Mackenzie), Tim Harris (Selwyn), Matt Hoggard (Kaikoura) (Waimate awaiting appointment of new GM)

### Work programme 2018–19

<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>By when</b>	<b>Measures of success</b>	<b>Status</b>
Agree a Canterbury wide strategic compliance strategy based on the Regional Sector Framework and draft MfE best practice guidelines for CME	Tracy Tierney Leonie Rae	Recommendation 28/6/18. <b>Completed</b>	All TAs are signatories to the strategy	Endorsed by the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum on 6 August 2018
Collate, share then agree standard best practice templates/processes to support the strategy to be implemented in each TA	Ian Hyde & Paul Cooper	Toolbox by 28/9/18 <b>In progress</b>	An agreed suite of processes, aligned with the compliance strategy, are used by all TAs	28/9/18 - Sharepoint folder has been set up to store collective templates/processes. Councils to upload documents ASAP. Best practice recommendations to next working group meeting
Identify training and professional development opportunities that will support the key competencies required for effective CME implementation	Andrew Brown Tracey Weston	Training needs plan drafted by 28/9/18 <b>In progress</b>	Agreed pathway for professional development of CME staff	28/9/18 - Agreed that the G-Reg qualifications are a minimum requirement for all CME staff. Each council to profile staff experience level and training needs. ECan to coordinate Canterbury investigative skills programme, widened to include other TA regulatory functions.



<p>Develop a consistent approach and messaging for public education and communication across Canterbury</p>	<p>Mark Mitchell Billy Charlton Nick Daniels</p>	<p>Education programme drafted by 28/9/18 <b>In progress</b></p>	<p>Strategy understood and supported by elected members Consistent messaging on our all websites, Canterbury wide public education programme on agreed priority areas.</p>	<p>28/9/18 - It was agreed that we need to inform and educate our elected members about the strategy so they can support officers as they implement. Share our education plans/material to seek to align and share resources as much as possible</p>
<p>Address resourcing needs across the region to effectively implement the strategy focusing on the priorities of each Council.</p>	<p>Tracy Tierney</p>	<p><b>In progress</b></p>	<p>Group to determine what information it would be useful to collect and share to show trends that reliably inform whether the strategy is being implemented effectively.</p>	<p>28/9/18 - Come to the next working group meeting with ideas/options on the way forward to addressing resourcing shortfall and effectiveness.</p>

**Date:** 19 October 2018

**Presented by:** Caroline Hart, Environment Canterbury

## **Canterbury Water Management Strategy update**

### **Purpose**

1. This paper provides the Canterbury Policy Forum with an update on region-wide progress during May–August 2018 towards implementing the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS). This report was received and discussed by the Canterbury Mayoral Forum at their 7 September meeting.

### **Recommendations**

**That the Canterbury Policy Forum:**

1. **note that on 23 August 2018, the Canterbury Regional Council appointed Dr Hugh Logan to the role of Regional Water Management Committee Chair.**

### **Key points**

2. The CWMS committees are all working on specific priorities, with a variety of practical projects underway.
3. There is no shortage of water-related events to attend and publications to read. Water remains a highly important topic for our region and our nation.

### **Regional and Zone Committee updates**

4. Zone managers, facilitators and staff in territorial authorities have summarised the current focus for the CWMS Zone and Regional Committees. The table is included in Appendix 1.

### **Fit for the future project**

5. At its May meeting, the Canterbury Mayoral Forum agreed to sponsor a project to ensure the CWMS is fit for the future needs of the region. Work is now underway.
  - A Goals Working Group and six task groups have been set up to support the Regional Committee to develop advice on 2025 and 2030 goals for each of the ten CWMS target areas. The groups bring together a mix of council, Ngāi Tahu, industry and NGO perspectives.

- The Goals Working Group provides co-ordinated advice to the Regional Committee and first met on 25 July 2018. The Task Group workshops took place in August 2018 where they each began to develop draft goals (for one or more target areas).
- Engagement on the draft goals occurred following a second Goals Working Group in September 2018. This was followed by a round of further engagement with Zone Committees, Ngāi Tahu, community groups and industry stakeholders.
- A second round of workshops with the task Groups to refine draft goals and measures and identify actions and resources needed for delivery will take place later in the year.
- Environment Canterbury is providing project management and analytical support. A Project Steering Group is providing project oversight and comprises the Canterbury territorial authorities and Environment Canterbury.
- Final advice is due with the Canterbury Mayoral Forum by April 2019.

## Environment Canterbury updates

6. Environment Canterbury adopted its Long-Term Plan 2018–28 on 21 June 2018. The strategic direction for the CWMS portfolio (now renamed **Freshwater Management**) reflects the current stage of the CWMS, builds on the now well-established social, collaborative and regulatory frameworks and shifts the Freshwater Management focus towards implementation or action on the ground.
7. There are now six programmes in the Freshwater Management Portfolio:
  - CWMS (Canterbury Water Management Strategy) Facilitation
  - Environmental Monitoring and Progress Reporting
  - Resource Management Act Water Framework
  - Zone and Regional Delivery
  - Regional Water Infrastructure Support
  - Te Waihora Restoration.
8. For Freshwater Management, this includes continued support for the adoption of Good Management Practice (GMP) to help achieve rural water resource targets and includes resourcing three Cultural Land Management Advisors, two Land Management Advisors and further support for the Farm Auditing Programme. Additional resourcing for monitoring river flows and periphyton has also been included.
9. The overall expenditure in the portfolio increases by \$142,000 in 2018–19, \$597,000 in 2019–20 and \$217,000 in 2020–21, reflecting a greater commitment to resourcing projects under Zone and Regional Delivery. Support for these new activities has been achieved through a combination of savings in other areas, the reprioritisation of resources across programmes and the reallocation of existing budgets.
10. Environment Canterbury has initiated a **fish screen compliance monitoring campaign** for 2018–19, beginning with a pilot to ensure the programme is cost effective

and that officers are fully trained and prepared. Fish screens are required wherever a water take could impact fish. There are currently around 14,000 consents to abstract water from our rivers in Canterbury.

11. Environment Canterbury is working with the Christchurch City Council and the Banks Peninsula Zone Committee to **integrate new 2018 National Forestry Standards into local plans and rules**. The unique nature of Banks Peninsula will help councils determine how to implement the new rules.
12. At the Environment Canterbury Council meeting on 22 June 2018, **Dr Andy Pearce was awarded the Outstanding Contribution Award** in recognition of his contribution to natural resource management in Canterbury and New Zealand, including his chairing of the Regional Water Management Committee and leadership of the early stages of the Canterbury Strategic Water Study. With Dr Andy Pearce's departure from the role of Regional Water Management Committee Chair, the Canterbury Regional Council appointed **Dr Hugh Logan** to the role at its meeting on 23 August 2018. Members of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum were consulted with prior to this appointment.
13. Environment Canterbury, along with other regional councils in the regional sector, **endorsed the Good Farming Practice Action Plan for Water Quality** launched by Ministers at Field days in June 2018. The Action Plan provides national impetus for improvement – different regions are at different stages of improved environmental performance. We have now had a parallel conversation with the Minister of Agriculture, Hon Damien O'Connor, in Canterbury in July 2018.
14. Environment Canterbury's **communications campaign to introduce 'the toughest rules around farming' won the Marketing Communication PR award at the Public Relations Institute of New Zealand (PRINZ) Awards** in May 2018. The campaign was focused on introducing a series of new rules aimed at improving water quality across the region. Between February 2017 and January 2018, 92 per cent of the 1,000 farmers targeted had taken the required action.
15. **The Hinds Plan Change, Plan Change 2 to the Land and Water Regional Plan, was made operative on 1 June 2018**. The Plan Change sets limits, targets, timeframes and additional policies and rules on water quantity and quality in the Hinds/Hekeao Plains area.

## Meetings and events

16. The following table summarises issues arising at recent meetings and events.

Date/Location	Event	Relevance to CWMS/Event summary
15–17 July Christchurch	Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Annual Conference	<b>Theme:</b> We are firmly focused on the future: Future-proofing for a prosperous and vibrant New Zealand. The conference did not contain much of substance on or for water management on the Canterbury Plains. There was considerable discussion on the 3 Waters Reviews and its implications.
1–2 August Auckland	Green Light or Light Green? The Government's	The theme for the conference was whether to replace or reform the Resource Management Act, with attendees largely supporting reform rather than

Date/Location	Event	Relevance to CWMS/Event summary
	environmental reforms. Environmental Defence Society (EDS) Conference	starting afresh. There was some focus on the economy as a wholly owned subsidiary of the environment, and the need to prioritise environmental bottom lines rather than the continued balancing of environmental and economic outcomes.
19–21 September 2018 Hamilton	Water New Zealand Conference and Expo	Water NZ's 60 <sup>th</sup> conference included a celebration of history and forward-looking action. Brings together 3 waters professionals to share experiences and knowledge.
10-14 December 2018 Nelson	New Zealand Freshwater Sciences Society Conference	The Society celebrates its 50 <sup>th</sup> annual conference. The theme of the conference is <i>Ka mua, ka muri: Looking back, moving forward.</i>

## National initiatives

17. The Minister for the Environment is considering a range of matters to progress his priority water management areas (improving water quality, providing better protection of wetlands, addressing estuaries and sediment). These include:

- considering a range of national freshwater management instruments, including amendments to the National Policy Statement Freshwater Management (NPSFM) and possible National Environmental Standards on Ecological Flows and allocation (potentially for both water quantity and nutrients). It is not yet clear what these might involve.
- identifying 'at-risk' catchments – central government and regional council officials are working together to identify these. Regional councils will then need to provide an evaluation of what is being done to address the issues causing the decline in these 'at-risk' catchments.

## Update

18. *On 8 October, the Minister for the Environment announced a work programme over the next two years to “deliver important long-term improvements to our freshwater, including a noticeable improvement over the next five years”. The Essential Freshwater work has three key objectives: stopping further degradation and loss; reversing past damage; and addressing water allocation issues.*

19. *The work programme consists of six workstreams*

- *targeted action and investment in at-risk catchments*
- *NPS for Freshwater Management amendments by 2020*
- *a new NES for Freshwater Management by 2020*
- *RMA amendments, introduced later this year*
- *developing options for allocating water resources*
- *ongoing future policy framework development.*

20. Regional councils have also recently reviewed their capability and capacity to address erosion/sediment issues. There is a strong link between councils' sediment work and the Government's 'One billion trees' programme. Regional councils have been working with the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to develop a coherent and co-ordinated approach but the available central government funding is less than anticipated. This places greater weight on a strong and coherent regional government position to get the most benefit from the funding.
21. Regional councils are also working with the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) and MPI to identify work required to meet regional and national 'swimmability' targets. All draft targets were reported to MfE by 31 March 2018 and need to be finalised by 31 December 2018.
22. In addition, councils have argued to the Minister that further work is required in a number of areas:
  - seasonality should be considered when determining the long-term grading of contact recreation
  - there is a disconnect between the NPSFM 'swimming' targets and the need to manage public health warnings
  - freshwater microbiological guidelines used to manage contact recreation are in urgent need of review.

It is not clear what priority central government is putting on these issues.

23. LGNZ has sought feedback from councils on various aspects of the Government's Three Waters review.

## Appendix 1: Zone Committee focus – overview as at 31 July 2018

CWMS Committee	Focus of the Zone Committee Work Programme	Highlights of practical work underway
Kaikōura	<p>Earthquake Recovery: The Kaikōura Earthquake and getting practical projects underway</p>	<p>Managing, monitoring and reporting of earthquake-related consents and emergency actions under the Order of Council, and practical checking of septic tanks</p> <p>Remediation planning for past Immediate Steps biodiversity projects</p> <p>Work progressing on three scientific surveys: Clarence weed survey; Lyell Creek NIWA science study and the KK Plains Recovery Project. All projects have several stakeholders and co-funders including government departments, farmers, Kaikōura District Council, Environment Canterbury and industry.</p>
Hurunui-Waiiau	<p>Minimum Flows: Implementing the minimum flow rates in Hurunui and Waiiau Rivers</p> <p>Implementation: A significant environmental enhancement package from Amuri Irrigation Scheme</p> <p>Good Management Practice: Work underway to develop a targeted plan change to permit dryland farming</p> <p>Revising the Zone Committee Work Programme</p>	<p>Ensuring irrigation companies complete Farm Environment Plan audits</p> <p>Hurunui District LandCare Group is developing information on Good Management Practice</p> <p>Consultation underway for a plan change to fix the 10% rule to enable dryland farmers continuity</p> <p>Revising Milestones: Building on what has already been achieved in the zone and recognising there is significant scope for more to be done. A new management structure has been put in place for the North Canterbury Zone teams. This will result in more direct support for Hurunui Waiiau with the appointment of a locally based Hurunui Waiiau Zone Lead and a North Canterbury Delivery Manager</p>
Waimakariri	<p>RMA Planning: ZIP addendum forming the basis of water quality and quantity limits for the sub-regional plan.</p> <p>Practical actions: Implementing the Waimakariri Land and Water Solutions Programme.</p>	<p>Community engagement underway to help determine an approach to reduce nutrient losses over the next decades. RMA plan due for notification mid-2019</p> <p>Practical projects in the Ashley/Rakahuri River, Kaiapoi River/Silverstream catchments, and coastal lowlands incorporating Tūhaitara Coastal Park</p> <p>Working with farmers towards Good Management Practices, including communications campaign to encourage priority farms in Waimakariri's red and orange nutrient allocation zones to get a land use consent to farm</p>
Christchurch-West Melton	<p>Stormwater: Stormwater and associated behaviour change issues</p> <p>Working with neighbouring zone: Contributing to Waimakariri Zone Committee's work on nutrient loads</p>	<p>Committee recommended that the Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury discuss actions to reduce copper contamination in urban waterways with Central Government as the most effective way to make progress</p> <p>Attending and supporting community events to raise awareness about stormwater quality and the behaviour changes needed. Examples include the Avon Ōtākaro Network's rain garden exemplar site, and the University of Canterbury's development of the 'Storminator' – treating metal contaminants from roof stormwater runoff</p>

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Banks Peninsula	<p>Forestry Impacts: Considering options and actions related to increasing concerns about the significant risk that forestry poses to waterways</p> <p>Whaka-ora Healthy Harbour: Working to restore the cultural and ecological health of Whakaraupō/ Lyttelton Harbour</p>	<p>Working on the implementation of the new National Environmental Standards (NES) for Plantation Forestry which came into effect on 1 May 2018, including setting clear expectations and guidance for industry on deliverables and consent requirements, and assessing whether changes are needed to the Land and Water Regional Plan.</p> <p>Supporting Beef and Lamb NZ with two Farm Environment Plan workshops that help farmers recognise opportunities to improve profitability while protecting their farm environment using good management practice</p>
Selwyn-Waihora	<p>Farming at GMP: Supporting farmers to achieve good management practice and Mahinga Kai outcomes</p> <p>Swimmable Selwyn at Coes Ford: Managing tributary impacts</p> <p>Biodiversity Projects: Coordination and partnership on projects</p>	<p>The Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee has recently reconfirmed the 10 key Outcomes to deliver on the ZIP Addendum in the zone with practical projects underway in each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a healthy Te Waihora (Whakaora Te Ahuriri, GMP, Wetland/wet pasture</li> <li>• Healthy Lowland streams (Swimmable Selwyn @ Coes Ford, Cultural Landscape Values Management Area (CLVMA) and GMP, Kaituna Valley)</li> <li>• Hororata (Corridor restoration, wetlands and springs and mudfish protection through IMS projects)</li> <li>• Healthy Hill-fed Streams (GMP campaign 4, CLVMA and sediment control)</li> <li>• High Country (Sensitive lakes and wetlands/springs)</li> <li>• access to safe drinking water</li> <li>• Kaitiakitanga (CLVMA, Mahinga kai, Shed talks)</li> <li>• Biodiversity Protection (wetlands, springs and significant sites and collaboration with NGOs and community groups)</li> <li>• relationship, respect and leadership (Youth Zone Committee, and Community engagement)</li> <li>• Compliance Monitoring Programme (focusing on fish screens, water takes, GMP, and RSC)</li> </ul>
Ashburton	<p>Implementing minimum flows: Looking at modelling results of Ashburton/Hakatere River flows to recommend implementation of minimum flows</p> <p>Environmental Infrastructure: Maintaining oversight for two projects as part of Solutions Package for the Hinds catchment</p> <p>Drainage and Food Protection: Focus on Hinds Drains and Carters Creek</p> <p>Farming at GMP: Visiting farms to advise on GMP.</p>	<p>Two new outcomes added to the work programme: 'Compliance' and 'community drinking water protection'</p> <p>New monitoring focus on Carters Creek catchment leading into Lake Hood</p> <p>Follow-up visits with Hinds farmers and those irrigating 50ha or more who require land use consent</p>



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Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora	RMA Planning: ZIP addendum forming the basis of water quality and quantity limits for the sub-regional plan	Improving Otipua-Saltwater Creek, providing a link between town and country. Advancing the Good Management Practices advocated by the rural industry alongside better stormwater protection within the city and improved septic tank and livestock management by smallholders
Upper Waitaki	Impacts of tourism on freshwater: Alignment with the district councils Biodiversity projects: Focus on Galaxids. Farming at GMP: Visiting farms to advise on GMP	Relationship building projects include engaging with the Mackenzie Report and its recommendations, exploring better alignment with the district councils, strengthening links with Tourism Waitaki, and alignment with the Geo Park proposal Bignose Galaxid monitoring at Greys Hill (including effects of drain clearance) Supporting the development of Farm Environment Plans and Good Management Practice visits to farms The SHiFT project is examining issues associated with sediment loss and hill farming Planning for summer campaign focused on managing the impacts of tourism on water quality
Lower Waitaki	Wainono Lagoon: Improving water quality and reducing sediment inflows to help restore the culturally significant resource Farming at GMP: Visiting farms to advise on GMP Projects: Collaborative restoration project to improve its water quality	Wainono lagoon projects continue; Committee looking at the implications of the Government's withdrawal of funding for the Hunter Downs Irrigations Scheme Open days with farmers and industry to help get consents in progress where required, Strengthening links with Tourism Waitaki improving water quality and land management in the upper Waihao catchment with the goal of achieving 90% of farms at GMP and 90% of farms completing Farm Environment Plans by 1 July 2019
Regional	Monitoring progress: Tracking the implementation of the CWMS across the Canterbury region Recreation and Amenity: Research project on recreational data CWMS Targets: Fit for Future Project	Regional Committee currently providing oversight of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the introduction of Good Management Practice and the auditing of Farm Environment Plans</li> <li>"swimmability" of rivers and lakes around the region including the use of the LAWA site for up-to-date information</li> <li>commissioning of further research on the recreational use of rivers and lakes in the region</li> <li>impact of the Government's withdrawal of funding for irrigation projects on the CWMS targets</li> <li>considering whether the CWMS Targets are fit for the future</li> </ul>