

# Your feedback

# Have your Say!

## DRAFT BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY 2023

**Submissions must be received by Sunday 26 November**

### HAVE YOUR SAY

Your feedback will help us to know whether we are on the right track. Please note all submissions are public documents and will be made available on Council's website with the names of submitters included.

Submissions presented in the form of a petition or accompanied by multiple signatures will be processed as a single submission.

Please note that by making a submission, your information will be used in the following ways:

- Submission material, including your name and organisation (if applicable) but excluding your contact details, will be included in material available to Council, media and the public at our office and on our website.
- The contact details you provide will be used for administration of the consultation process, including informing you of the outcome of the consultation.
- The information you have provided will be stored and held by Council. If you would like to request access to, or make a correction to your personal information, please contact the Council staff.

You can provide your feedback and read the full draft strategy online



[ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay)

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#### Your details

Name: Christine Widdowson

Organisation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?

*(If no boxes are ticked, it will be considered that you do not wish to be heard)*

**Yes:** The hearing is expected to be held in the Council Chamber on **Thursday 14 December 2023**. Please note that hearings may be live-streamed to our online channels.

**No:** I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that my written submission be fully considered.

If yes, do you wish to present:  In Person  Virtually

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## DRAFT STRATEGY

The full draft strategy is available at [ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay](https://ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay)

You can submit on any or all of the questions. You don't have to complete every question and you can comment on any aspect of the draft strategy. You can provide attachments to support your submission.

**1** Think about what our district, thriving with biodiversity, could look like in 20 years' time. What do you see?

Continued planting in all available areas with natives and bee attracting plants

**1** Do the goals and objectives of the strategy capture what you see as the key issues facing biodiversity in the district?

Yes  No

Please explain:

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**1 What do you see as the top five priorities from the objectives mentioned in the strategy?**

**TICK UP TO FIVE OBJECTIVES**

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| Identify and protect ecological values   | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Identify and protect taoka (taonga) species and their habitats                                     | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Prevent further loss of threatened indigenous species via pest control                             | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Properly manage human activity on biodiversity   | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Increase indigenous vegetation cover   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Interconnect biodiversity sites and threatened species habitats                                    | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Support projects that aim to restore and interconnect indigenous biodiversity sites                | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Encourage ecotourism   | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Research and collect data on the state of biodiversity   | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Document and share knowledge of Manawhenua on biodiversity   | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Share knowledge on indigenous biodiversity with the community                                      | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Sustain and improve school environmental programmes  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Encourage cooperation and collaboration among stakeholders   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Council to take a leadership role in working together and encouraging conservation and enhancement | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Encourage the public to participate in conservation and celebration of biodiversity                | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Support community projects that protect and maintain indigenous biodiversity                       | <input type="radio"/>            |

**1 We have identified 55 actions to reach the goals in the strategy. You can read about them in the Action Plan on pages 28 - 35 of the draft strategy. Is there any specific action or anything else Council should be doing to support biodiversity in the district?**

*Note – Goals and objectives related to water quality for rivers, lakes and wetlands are regulated via the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan and therefore not part of this strategy.*

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**1 Any other comments or feedback:**

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7 NOV 2023  
at Reception

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Ashburton 7740

Our Natural Place Submission