

SAVE THE RIVERS MID-CANTERBURY INC.

C/- Mr Geoff Ackerley
17th November 2023

Ashburton District Council

Re: Biodiversity plan

Save the Rivers Mid-canterbury Inc. would like to inform you that we cannot see how there can be agreement on a plan that does not identify and provide for the outstanding recreational opportunities that our local waterways have, in particular with respect to our trout and salmon fisheries.

Other issues that either are missing or lacking in emphasis relate to restoring the Ashburton river to the showpiece that it should be, addressing water quality and quantity issues that have been neglected, ensuring recreational access to our waterways (in particular at river mouths), and the costly delayed action with respect to the Ashburton lakes.

We believe that ADC's record with respect to values our waterways provide, the fresh water fishery and its lack of action over environmental issues has been seriously lacking; any approach that improves this would be positive.

Yours sincerely,

Geoff Ackerley (Secretary Save the Rivers Mid-Canterbury Inc.)