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Q1

Respondent skipped this question

Our Vision is: A district where biodiversity is protected and enhanced from the mountains to the sea (ki uta ki tai) by a community that values and cares for it. Think about what our district, thriving with biodiversity, could look like in 20 years' time. What do you see?

Q2

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

Yes,

Please explain::

Congratulations on a very well thought out and timely presentation.

Q3

What do you see as the top five priorities from the objectives mentioned in the strategy? Tick up to five objectives:

Prevent further loss of threatened indigenous species via pest control

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Increase indigenous vegetation cover,

Support projects that aim to restore and interconnect indigenous biodiversity sites

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Share knowledge on indigenous biodiversity with the community

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Encourage the public to participate in conservation and celebration of biodiversity

Q4

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.

If finance allows, council could at this early stage of the strategy, offer a subsidy to groups like farmers, to plant more native species on their land, and offer greater encouragement to land owners to leave and indeed, restore wet lands.

Q5

Do you have any other comments or feedback?

Once again, a very well thought out document, that has my full support. I personally wonder if there is however, a case to be made, for a really concerted education promotion of the plan, into all local schools, as the current students are the future of this community.

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Q6

Your contact details

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Q7

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

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