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Your feedback

Have your Say!

Received
20 NOV 2023
at Reception

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.

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



ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay

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.

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Your details

Name: Maree McGrath

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

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?

more wildlife living within towns eg. native bird, reptiles & mammals,
Restriction of domestic cat numbers by laws for cat control (same as dogs) at local level. Elimination of introduced species e.g. possums, feral cats, stoats etc.

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:

mostly, apart from above.
Schools, especially primary, should be encouraged more in planting indigenous vegetation.

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

TICK UP TO FIVE OBJECTIVES

Identify and protect ecological values

Identify and protect taoka (taonga) species and their habitats

Prevent further loss of threatened indigenous species via pest control

Properly manage human activity on biodiversity

Increase indigenous vegetation cover

Interconnect biodiversity sites and threatened species habitats

Support projects that aim to restore and interconnect indigenous biodiversity sites

Encourage ecotourism

Research and collect data on the state of biodiversity

Document and share knowledge of Manawhenua on biodiversity

Share knowledge on indigenous biodiversity with the community

Sustain and improve school environmental programmes

Encourage cooperation and collaboration among stakeholders

Council to take a leadership role in working together and encouraging conservation and enhancement

Encourage the public to participate in conservation and celebration of biodiversity

Support community projects that protect and maintain indigenous biodiversity

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.

On page 28, under goal 1, 1.1. Perhaps
could include an ~~new~~ action for initial control
of domestic cats to be same as for dogs (registration)
this could be a long term plan that needs to
be commenced now! Future action would be.
① Kept inside at night ② Limited number of cats per household
③ Required to not leave property

1 Any other comments or feedback:

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