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Q1

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?

Abundance of native flora and fauna interacting with valued introduced species. Native bush restored where applicable and well established native plantings in parks and open spaces. Wildlife corridors well established.

In 20 years time pest mammals will be well under control in most key breeding sites for NZ native birds. Increased/restored wetland habitat for waterfowl and ongoing pest plant and predator maintenance. Ō Tū Wharekai will be a thriving ecosystem with clean lakes, abundance of kākahi and NZ native fish interacting with valued introduced species such as sports fish. The surrounding land is farmed within it's means.

Co-operation and collaboration among stakeholders is at a high.

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::

However, I would like to see inclusion of "valued introduced species" in the biodiversity values as these do not come under either of the two categories commonly mentioned in the strategy i.e. Indigenous or taoka species as identified by mana whenua

Q3

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

Properly manage human activity on biodiversity,

Increase indigenous vegetation cover,

Interconnect biodiversity sites and threatened species habitats

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Sustain and improve school environmental programmes

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Support community projects that protect and maintain indigenous 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.

2.1a Council could lobby relevant governing body to implement an initiative to purchase riparian land at at-risk sites.

Council needs to undergo a shift of focus from office research to more physical on the ground action. If researchers are employed it should be on short term contracts with the aim to then enact on the output/findings. A lot of research on climate change is already available. Immediate actions can be identified from this.

Council could consider predator proof fencing an area/s and undertaking predator control within the area creating an ecosanctuary/s. Not only is this a great community asset but also acts as an insurance policy should further species loss occur in the wild. An ecosanctuary can safeguard a small population of species that will naturally repopulate the wild when the conditions allow

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any other comments or feedback?

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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.
