

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.

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: Sophia Aguila

Organisation (if applicable): Ashburton Youth Council

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?

I see less endangered species and our species that are unique to New Zealand like birds, plants, marine mammals etc. protected.

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:

I believe that the council has outlined the main goals.

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 checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Prevent further loss of threatened indigenous species via pest control | <input type="radio"/> |
| Properly manage human activity on biodiversity | <input type="radio"/> |
| Increase indigenous vegetation cover | <input 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 type="radio"/> |
| Council to take a leadership role in working together and encouraging conservation and enhancement | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Encourage the public to participate in conservation and celebration of biodiversity | <input checked="" 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.

I believe that council has highlighted all the right actions to support biodiversity in the district, I have nothing to add.

1 Any other comments or feedback:

What are the ecological values? They were mentioned a lot.

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