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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?

The air is rich with the sound of native and songbirds.

Birdlife is protected from predation and encouraged with new habitats.

Plentiful native flora abound to create birdlife habitats.

There's a sense of collaboration between all parties taking the responsibility to achieve this status.

All parties acknowledge that landowners and farmers are our friends, not our enemies, just as interested in a thriving environment as the rest of us.

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### 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::

Yes. I get a real sense of a desire for collaboration for a set of common goals. I see less of a set of unrealistic regulations imposed on folk by an over-bearing bureaucracy.

I sense that we understand that success will occur with collaboration rather than dictates. I sense that the ADC sees its role as leadership not imposition.

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### 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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**Interconnect biodiversity sites and threatened species habitats**

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**Encourage ecotourism,**

**Research and collect data on the state of biodiversity,**

**Support community projects that protect and maintain indigenous biodiversity**

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**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.

Action 1.3/B regarding pest control in council reserves should be ST not LT

Action 1.3/D regarding wilding pines should be ST not LT. Get them gone before they cone and get completely out of control.

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**Q5**

Do you have any other comments or feedback?

Please ensure that there's adequate funding made available to community groups to implement strategies. I am leader of the Methven Lions drive to Bring Back Birdsong with The Birdsong Initiative in Methven and in the Foothills. We have the will to do it. We need the funding to deliver the dream

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**Q6**

Your contact details

Name

**Mac McElwain**

Organisation (if appropriate)

**Methven Lions Club Inc**

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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.**

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