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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?

Significantly more natural areas in the district as a result of greater awareness and value of biodiversity within the community. I imagine the Ashburton District can be a leading example of sustainable biodiversity growing in cooperation with productive food production and economic growth, encouraging ecotourism and a better quality of life for residents.

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::

The goals of the strategy are good and with community ownership and participation, the objectives are achievable and will greatly benefit the district.

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,

Sustain and improve school environmental programmes

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Encourage cooperation and collaboration among stakeholders

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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.

Include a requirement of equivalent or proportional development of biodiverse land with every new development and building. For example, requiring new builds to contribute towards an area of native planting equivalent to new building's footprint.

Q5

Do you have any other comments or feedback?

No

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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.
