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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?

our district already has good biodiversity in many areas already - there is room for further enhancement.
Existing Native bush is preserved BUT able to be accessed and enjoyed by all.
From native plantings now and in the future on many farms this will be enhanced.
The river corridors could easily be native corridors from the mountains to the sea

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::
our Community does value and care as can be seen by the native plantings, stream enhancements through planting, change in habitat and the benefits of Managed Aquifer recharge. Catchment groups through out the district will coordinate actions throughout the district.

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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Support projects that aim to restore and interconnect indigenous biodiversity sites

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Share knowledge on indigenous biodiversity with the community

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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.

Make sure that legislation ENABLES not put in road blocks. For example current rules to construct a wetland which could be good for biodiversity are prohibitively expensive requiring unnecessary and expensive consents. Money that could be spent on developing wetlands is being wasted on consents - discouraging the action

Q5

Do you have any other comments or feedback?

The Community need to buy into it - AND invest their own time and money and not expect everything to be provided by 'someone else'.

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Q6

Your contact details

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Q7

Yes - I wish to present in person

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?
