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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?

I see council managed areas with poor biodiversity because of lack of commitment to ensuring maintenance of water resources dispersed over the plains. I see improved biodiversity on private farmland despite council efforts

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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?

**No,**

Please explain::

The strategy ignores the importance of water races and micro wetlands associated with them as essential elements in aquatic and avian resources

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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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**Properly manage human activity on biodiversity,**

**Interconnect biodiversity sites and threatened species habitats**

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**Support projects that aim to restore and interconnect indigenous biodiversity sites**

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**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.

Draft plan has no mention of maintaining minimum flows on drains and races to maintain wetlands on the plains, council are actively working to reduce aquatic biodiversity

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**Q5**

Do you have any other comments or feedback?

This entire exercise is cynical greenwashing,

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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?

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