Climate Change & Sustainability Feedback Form Results

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Project: Climate Change & Sustainability Strategy

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BRUCE, Christina

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Yes but the Council needs to listen to their constituents the majority of Ashburton residents feel you don't judging by the posts on Social Media

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

But don't charge us we shouldn't be paying for water our rates are pretty much unmanageable now

Q5 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

But don't charge us anymore on our rates, learn to budget the important things

Q7 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q8 **Please explain**

Long Text

Don't pay huge amounts for so called experts when you can find information online these days by what others are doing in the world

Q9 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding waste management in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q10 **Please explain**

Long Text

Get the green bin going, people have been asking for this for to long now, encourage people more and give them incentive to manage waste

Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

Yes but factor this in your budgets and stop continual rate rises

Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text yes but research what is the most important and factor these into your budgets

Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

Long Text

Q17 **Funding allocation**

Matrix Sustainable water management - significant amount of support
Nature-based solutions - low level of support
A resilient, engaged and informed community - significant amount of support
Waste reduction and minimisation - significant amount of support
Resilient infrastructure - low level of support
Transition to a low carbon future - low level of support

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

Q21 **Upload additional information here**

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Q22 **Name**

Short Text Christina Bruce

Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

Short Text

Q24 **Email**

Email

Q25 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?**

Select Box No

Q26 **Please provide phone number**

Telephone

Contribution ID: 2951
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BELL, Chris

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

I support working together, but I feel the rest of this wording might be a little meaningless, sorry.

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?**

Multi Choice

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?**

Multi Choice

Q8 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q9 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding waste management in our district?**

Multi Choice

Q10 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

No

Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text

I believe climate change is a well thought out engineered hoax that has been thrust upon us over the last 20 years or more and now a large part of the population believe in it. There are scientists that can disprove this inaccurate modelling, ie Ian McIntosh, William Happer etc.

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Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

Long Text

Q17 **Funding allocation**

Matrix

Sustainable water management - low level of support
Nature-based solutions - low level of support
A resilient, engaged and informed community - low level of support
Waste reduction and minimisation - low level of support
Resilient infrastructure - low level of support
Transition to a low carbon future - low level of support

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

How can around 7,450,000 of extra spending on climate change strategies be helpfully to heavily burdened rate payers be ok for things that may not benefit those in this district.

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

I suggest removing all strategies that will be extra on top of what is already budgeted for.
I would suggest that water meters and monitoring may cost more than it returns.

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

Here is some info from Ian McIntosh (B.App.Sci.Rur.Tech. (Hons) on how he shows that the RCP8.5 modelling isn't fit for purpose.
I would like to see ADC hold off on some of these objectives and spending.
Thank you for your consideration.

Q21 **Upload additional information here**

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Q22 **Name**

Short Text

Chris Bell

Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

Short Text

Q24 **Email**

Email

Q25 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?**

Select Box

Yes

Q26 **Please provide phone number**

Telephone

A Defence Of An Open Term For The Deed Of License Applying To The Residents Of The Upper Selwyn Huts (USH)

Ian McIntosh (B.App.Sci.Rur.Tech. (Hons)

16 June 2025

Some Explanation Of Terminology Is Needed Before We Progress

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

releases Assessment Reports (AR's), the latest was released in 2021 & is called AR6, the previous one in 2013 is called AR5

Coupled Model Intercomparison Projects (CMIP's) are a compilation of the results from climate modelling groups from around the world. Their information is included in AR reports e.g. CMIP6 data is in the AR6 report.

RCP's (Representative Concentration Pathways) in AR5 have been changed to SSP's (Shared Socioeconomic Pathways) in AR6.
RCP8.5 refers to a radiative forcing of 8.5W/m^2

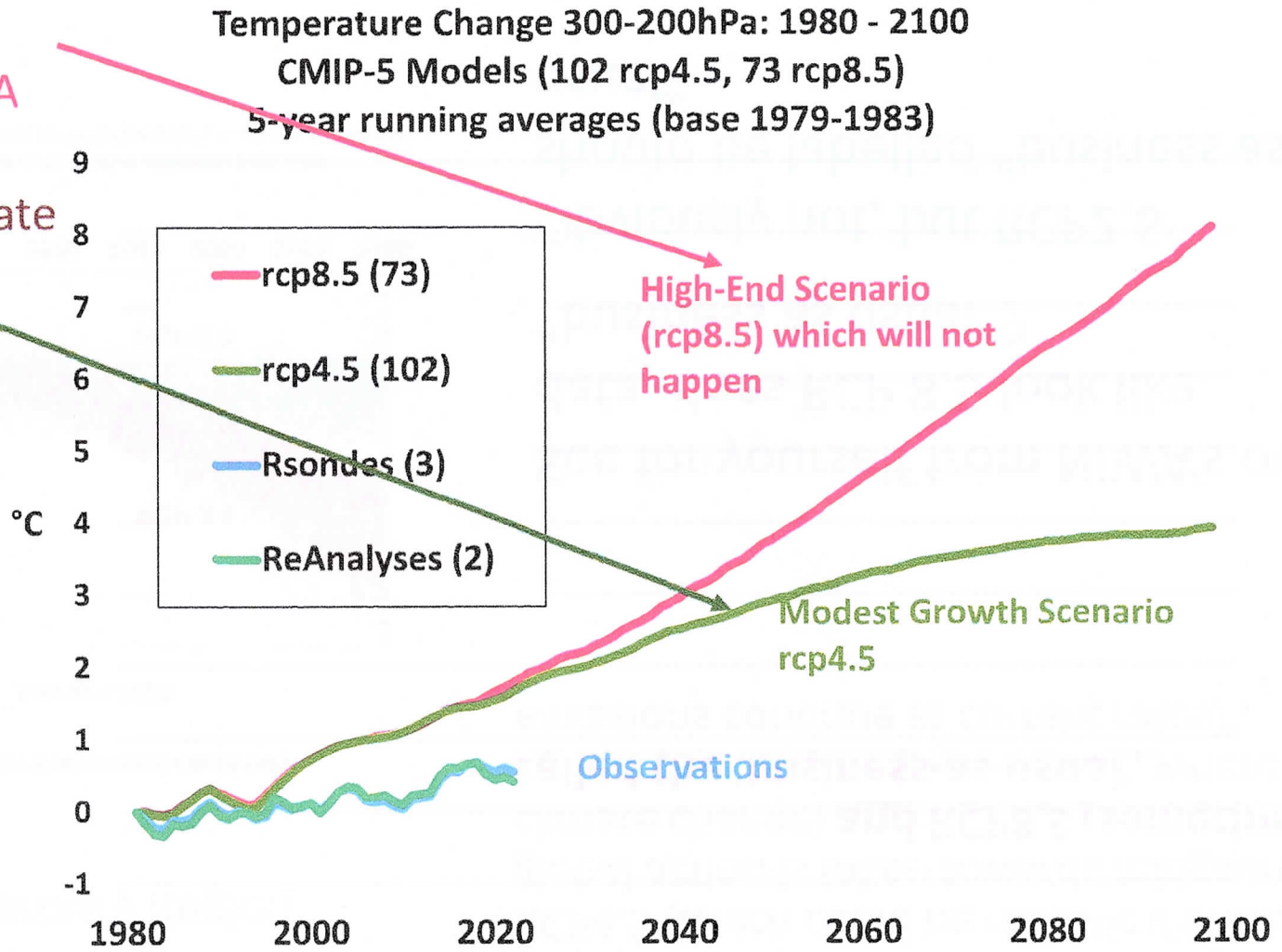
RCP2.6, RCP4.5, RCP6.0 & RCP8.5 have become SSP1-2.6, SSP2-4.5, SSP4-6.0 & SSP5-8.5

https://www.carbonbrief.org/cmip6-the-next-generation-of-climate-models-explained/

Do The Models Correlate With What Is Happening Around The World

RCP8.5 is obviously not "business as usual" as NIWA says.

RCP4.5 is also not appropriate



Data Provided By Prof John Christy (pers. comm)

Distinguished Professor,
Atmospheric and Earth Sciences
Director, Earth System Science Center
Alabama State Climatologist
The University of Alabama in Huntsville

He won a prestigious science award while at NASA for putting the satellite into space to measure the earth's temperature.

We are 1/3 of the way from 1980 to 2100 and the models are already significantly in error – something needs to be fixed

What RCP (SSP) Figures Is NZ Officially Using?

Climate change projections for the Canterbury Region

NIWA
Taihoro Nukurangi

Prepared for Environment Canterbury

February 2020

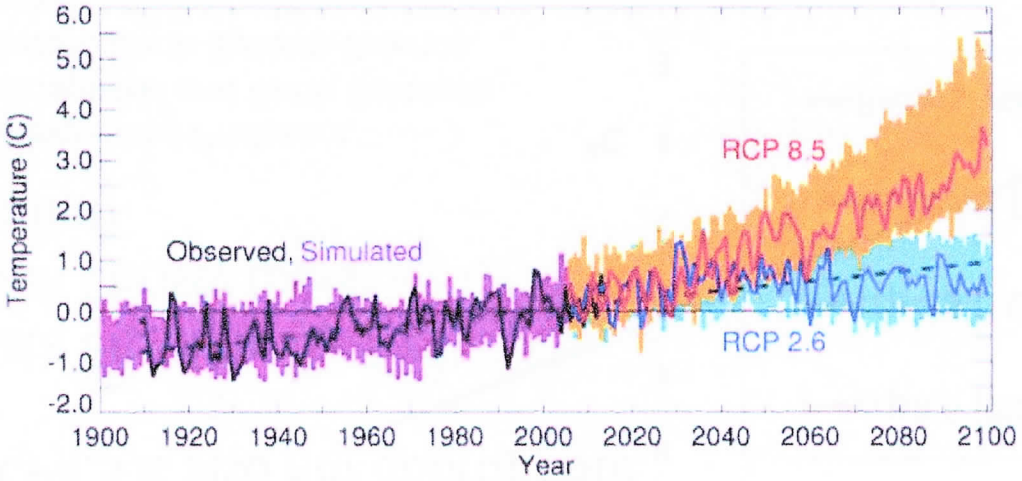


Figure 1-7: **New Zealand Temperature - historical record and an illustrative schematic projection illustrating future year-to-year variability.** (See text for full explanation). From Ministry for the Environment (2018).

The report says

"The NIWA report looks at two scenarios: RCP4.5 (which could be realistic if immediate global action is taken towards mitigating climate change) **and RCP8.5 (sometimes called the 'business-as-usual',** where emissions continue at current rates)".

See for yourself from NIWA's own data, does RCP 8.5 look like "business as usual"?

Obviously not, but RCP2.6 should be labelled "business as usual".

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POOLE, Stephanie

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

“Working together for a sustainable and resilient future for the Ashburton District: empowering our people, supporting our businesses, fortifying our infrastructure and protecting our environment”

I think this captures the relationship between the environment and our local economy. And I appreciate the commitment to empowering our people.

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

I think these sound great - but I'd like to see the procedures/practise of how these will be put into action and how this will be communicated to our wider community. I.e. is there support to implement, understand and take part in this process.

Q5 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Yes - but again I'd like to see the practise/procedure behind these goals. For example, what do you consider to be 'sustainable land use' and how will you 'continue to promote' that. And what is a 'climate-resilient environment' for our district, and how/who has input into what that looks like.

Q7 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q8 **Please explain**

Long Text

I think there needs to be much more education, support and opportunity for our wider community to engage, ask questions, and be supported to understand WHY sustainability and climate change is so important to our district. And like the other objectives, the procedure/practise of HOW this will be achieved is perhaps more a question than the goals on their own.

Q9 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding waste management in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q10 **Please explain**

Long Text

These objectives sound great, but again its about the HOW of achieving these and adequately resourcing the process to achieve these.

Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

- Assessed and upgraded by what standard/authority to what standard, and who/how is that decided on.
- HOW are you going to support infrastructure projects to 'make greater use of durable, low-carbon materials'

Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text

Yes - but again HOW, and WHO are we getting this expert advice from?
Who is being consulted to set an emissions reduction target for Council activities?
HOW and WHAT are the sustainable transport options for our community - we have no public transport options here and very few 'safe and appropriate' cycle ways... so how will this be resourced/funded/achieved.

Who will be monitoring the emissions, making the reports and reporting to the public and HOW will that be funded?

Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking

Nature-based solutions
A resilient, engaged and informed community
Waste reduction and minimisation
Sustainable water management
Transition to a low carbon future
Resilient infrastructure

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

Long Text

Q17 **Funding allocation**

Matrix

Sustainable water management - significant amount of support
Nature-based solutions - significant amount of support
A resilient, engaged and informed community - significant amount of support
Waste reduction and minimisation - significant amount of support
Resilient infrastructure - significant amount of support
Transition to a low carbon future - significant amount of support

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

We need to invest now to save us money in the long run, short term investment in sustainable solutions means long-term success. In order to achieve the objectives set out earlier we need adequate resourcing!

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

I think focusing on supporting, educating and informing our community is crucial, and getting expert advice from the start so we can make sustainable, resilient decisions that mean our rate-payers are investing in long-term, preventative solutions.

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

Q21 **Upload additional information here**

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Q22 **Name**

Short Text

Stephanie Poole

Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

Short Text

Q24 **Email**

Email

Q25 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?**

Select Box No

Q26 **Please provide phone number**

Telephone

Contribution ID: 2943
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YEATMAN, Nick

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

It would be irresponsible and immoral not to.

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

As long as these goals do not impede prosperity and well being of ratepayers

Q5 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

In regard to these initiatives council needs to be aware they are not core services that council is chartered to provide.

Q7 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?**

Multi Choice

No

Q8 **Please explain**

Long Text

Current narratives around climate change are political rather than scientific. It is not the councils job to promote any particular political mantra. Sustainability is and needs to be an integral part of council decision making but it is not its job to enforce irrelevant and misleading information.

Q9 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding waste management in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q10 **Please explain**

Long Text

Investigation into local waste recycling and use needs to be done, exporting waste out of town at rate payers expense is not a sustainable practice. Building a waste fired electrical generation facility would be.

Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

I believe all previous councils have tried to ensure all infrastructure is as durable as possible. Council needs to move away from the currently fashionable carbon phobia. Every councilor needs to be aware of the dead planet consequences of atmospheric carbon below 200ppm, we are currently at 400ppm, during the Cambrian Period, part of the Paleozoic Era, 541 million to 485.4 million years ago. It's known for the "Cambrian Explosion," a period of rapid diversification and evolution of animal life, including the appearance of diverse marine organisms, some of which were early ancestors of modern groups.

Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

No

Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text Council would be engaging in destructive cultural manipulation by misinformation.

Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking
Resilient infrastructure
Waste reduction and minimisation
Nature-based solutions
Sustainable water management
other (if so, please clarify in text box)

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

Long Text Well being and welfare of its constituents

Q17 **Funding allocation**

Matrix
Sustainable water management - moderate amount of support
Nature-based solutions - moderate amount of support
A resilient, engaged and informed community - low level of support
Waste reduction and minimisation - significant amount of support
Resilient infrastructure - significant amount of support
Transition to a low carbon future - low level of support

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text Ecan is responsible for sustainable water management, council is responsible for the reticulation of water to it constituents in the boroughs. Ratepayers should not be funding duplication.
Nature based solutions are inherently the most sustainable and should always be considered in any council planning .
Education and information should not go beyond 100% transparency of all council meetings & business.
Better utilization of waste needs to be investigated and implemented.
The planned location of the second bridge is a classic example of a lack of commitment to a sustainable future, how a group of adults can conclude that retaining main road traffic through the town center is beneficial to the future beggars belief.
Low carbon future is no future. 200ppm, if achieved will be the sustainable end of earth. We need 1000ppm to feed earths growing population.

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

Listen to the community, reinstate public access all council meetings, restore transparency by allowing councilors to discuss council business with the public .
Ensure all existing core infrastructure is safe a suitable for purpose before funding any additional amenities.
Reject any initiative ,proposal, plan or policy generated or driven by the idea of anthropogenic C02 driven climate change.
Plan all future infrastructure and policies for the benefit and welfare of rate payers.
Reduce costs particularly in the areas of administration and services outside of core council functionality.
Maintain democratically elected governance.
Review the way council engages contractors to carry out work. More frequent and open tenders may considerably reduce costs and increase quality of work as long as the work is supervised by competent council staff.
The most important priority for sustainability for the Ashburton district is to maintain the transport corridor between Chch and Timaru. Council should be lobbying central government to this end.
Some thing to ponder, we the south island sit in the space between the southern and pacific ocean, the southern alps are one of the greatest captures of fresh rain water in the world, this water descends from our mountains on both sides of the main divide, it flows down our foot hills across our plains virtually unmolested. The capability of potential energy harvesting from this reticulation is staggering, but in the name of sustainability we wait till this resource is up to 300m below ground and then we import energy through at risk infrastructure to extract it. All in the name of sustainability and efficiency.

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

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Q21 **Upload additional information here**

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Q22 **Name**

Short Text Nick Yeatman

Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

Short Text Yeatman

Q24 **Email**

Email

Q25 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?**

Select Box No

Q26 **Please provide phone number**

Telephone

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WATSON, David

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Good positive thinking - just needs more detail

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Again good warm and fuzzies but needs targets etc.

Q5 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Yes we need to work with nature but devil is in the detail which is missing.

Q7 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q8 **Please explain**

Long Text

As before - good warm and fuzzies but detail lacking

Q9 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding waste management in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q10 **Please explain**

Long Text

As before - no specific plans

Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

At last some specifics

Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text

Some good ideas but would like to see more.

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Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking

other (if so, please clarify in text box)
Transition to a low carbon future
Sustainable water management
Nature-based solutions
A resilient, engaged and informed community
Waste reduction and minimisation
Resilient infrastructure

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

Long Text

#1 must always be reversing climate change - reduction is more important than mitigation; but both must be complimentary.

Q17 **Funding allocation**

Matrix

Sustainable water management - significant amount of support
Nature-based solutions - significant amount of support
A resilient, engaged and informed community - moderate amount of support
Waste reduction and minimisation - moderate amount of support
Resilient infrastructure - moderate amount of support
Transition to a low carbon future - significant amount of support

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

All are important and all must be considered and acted upon.

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

I would like to have magic bullets but I don't and rely upon elected representatives of the community, back by council staff expertise to produce answers. Go for it and make our community proud!

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

No

Q21 **Upload additional information here**

File Upload

Q22 **Name**

Short Text

David Watson

Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

Short Text

Q24 **Email**

Email

Q25 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?**

Select Box

No

Q26 **Please provide phone number**

Telephone

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METHVEN COMMUNITY BOARD (Fitzgerald, Megan)

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

The Methven Community Board is supportive of the intent of the ADC climate change and sustainability strategy document.

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

With regard to the Action plan point 1.1 “Ensure a forward thinking approach to the sustainable management of water resources in the Ashburton District.” Points B, C, and D do not have local community groups listed as “who”. It is important to have community groups guiding the strategic management of water resources as for many, their livelihoods depend on this resource.

Examples of groups include Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective, irrigation schemes, entities representing recreation users (fish and game, forest and bird etc). With the end of the Water Zone committee, the community advisory group proposed to replace them might be the best community entity to engage with.

Q5 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q8 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q9 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding waste management in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q10 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

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Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking

Resilient infrastructure
A resilient, engaged and informed community
Sustainable water management
Waste reduction and minimisation
Nature-based solutions
Transition to a low carbon future

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

Long Text

Q17 **Funding allocation**

Matrix

Sustainable water management - significant amount of support
Nature-based solutions - low level of support
A resilient, engaged and informed community - moderate amount of support
Waste reduction and minimisation - significant amount of support
Resilient infrastructure - significant amount of support
Transition to a low carbon future - low level of support

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

The Methven Community Board is supportive of the intent of the ADC climate change and sustainability strategy document.

MCB is very supportive of the focus on transparency (1.4, 4.2, 6.2, and 6.6) and encouraging active community engagement through promotion (1.2, 1.3, 2.4, 3.4, 3.5, 4.4, and 6.5).

Education is also mentioned a number of times as a way to help the community understand their impact (2.4, 3.2). MCB would encourage the council to be discerning of how this education is created. Will there be engagement with experts in this area? If so, at what cost will they come at? Is the expectation the knowledge will come from staff?

It is great to see both adaptation and mitigation approaches are discussed throughout and there is a focus on proactive infrastructure development and resource management.

MCB encourages ADC to take a wholistic approach to minimising carbon emissions. Please ensure that the efficiency of core functions should not be negatively impacted, become more costly, or have perverse outcomes (e.g. increasing flooding risk with poor location of carbon sinks).

This is a well written document with great intent that will help our community move more resiliently into the future.

Q21 **Upload additional information here**

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Q22 **Name**

Short Text

Megan Fitzgerald

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Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

Short Text Methven Community Board

Q24 **Email**

Email

Q25 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?**

Select Box No

Q26 **Please provide phone number**

Telephone

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WAREING, Mark

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

yes, to ensure our future generations have a quality life

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Needs to be managed that it also does not become unaffordable to live in Mid Canterbury with too much red tape.

Q5 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?**

Multi Choice

No

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Somewhat, it needs to be balance to what the community can afford.

Q7 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q8 **Please explain**

Long Text

It still needs central government to give the tools for local government to achieve.
ADC only need to go at a rate that is connected to the rest of NZINC, don't need to be a leader, but a close follower.

Q9 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding waste management in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q10 **Please explain**

Long Text

Once again move at a rate that is achievable.

Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

Perhaps need to have greater financial reliance sitting for these events.
Working with central government to help understand the key risks.

Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

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Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text

But let's slow down to make sure we have real targets not pipe dream targets that will never be achieved.

Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

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Q17 **Funding allocation**

Matrix

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Nature-based solutions - low level of support
A resilient, engaged and informed community - low level of support
Waste reduction and minimisation - moderate amount of support
Resilient infrastructure - significant amount of support
Transition to a low carbon future - low level of support

Q18 **Please explain:**

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Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

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no

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

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REGISTER, Michael

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q8 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q9 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding waste management in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q10 **Please explain**

Long Text

We need to make the creators of packaging more responsible for the recycling of the waste.

Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

Take river control back from Ecan and make the rivers work for us again.

Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

No

Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text

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Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking

Resilient infrastructure
Sustainable water management
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Nature-based solutions
Waste reduction and minimisation
Transition to a low carbon future

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

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Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

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Q20 **Any other comments:**

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FOREST & BIRD,
Edith Smith

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Covers the district vision well.

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

This list covers the range of issues associated with our rivers and water ways.
Sustainable and healthy waterways are a high priority. 1.2, 1.3, 1.4
Our water ways are a habitat to an array of native species and their well being must be a high priority.

Q5 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q8 **Please explain**

Long Text

I congratulate the Council staff who have communicated with the wider community to this produce this draft climate change and sustainability policy for community consultation.
These objectives are identified through out the plan.

Q9 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding waste management in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q10 **Please explain**

Long Text

Communication with the wider community is important to ensure a successful transition to Green waste collection. Council would ensure there are suitable processes to compost the green waste material which will be available to the public. Benefits financially to ADC and prolong the life of Kate Valley landfill.

Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

I support these objectives as the impact of the recent floods have highlighted the need to ensure critical infrastructure resilience. The District resilience is dependant on a precautionary approach while anticipating major flooding. (more frequent and greater impact is anticipated)
5.2 and 5.3 agree

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Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text

Each of these objectives are important to reach key challenges.
Demonstrating the Council commitment to these emissions reduction plans will set a good example to the wider community and encourage the sometimes reticent public to meet their own emissions reduction plans. This will be achieved with community education about practicalities of reducing these emissions.

Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

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Q17 **Funding allocation**

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Transition to a low carbon future - significant amount of support

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

1. It is important to have the community engaged with the Strategy and an inclusive approach to all aspects of managing climate change.
2. Sustainable water is such a central issue I believe is should have a separate priority of it's own.
3. The low carbon future goal is vital to achieving reduction of greenhouse gases and is closely aligned with 1.
4. Waste reduction is a basic Council service along with the introduction of green waste.

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

1.Room for rivers. The Ashburton River and the foot hills streams, displayed their impact when flooding in 2021. Following that event and in anticipation of heavy downpours, are flood plain buffers in place to give certainty to the increasing built areas that may be vulnerable to another breach of flood water?.

2.Loss of Biodiversity and Foothills landscape. There is potential for wide spread landscape change from pine plantations planted as carbon sequestration on Mid Canterbury foothill landscapes. These sites often have remnant native vegetation as identified by Mike Harding in earlier surveys. The remnant indigenous biodiversity is important to the District Biodiversity and rules regarding removal of native vegetation in Rural A and B state resource consent is required.

Q20 **Any other comments:**

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Q22 **Name**

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Edith Smith

Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

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HAWKES, Murray

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

An unarguable meaningless platitude, well done

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Should add promotion of science as a basis for all water management decisions. I am hugely supportive of the ommision of any religious statements as a basis for policy

Q5 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q8 **Please explain**

Long Text

Support on the basis that all objectives have a basis in good science and not in political or religious philosophy.

Q9 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding waste management in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q10 **Please explain**

Long Text

Council should seek ways to promote small scale waste to energy plants to reduce the hugely wasteful, environmentally damaging and highly profitable trucking of solid waste to landfills

Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

Yes, why not, and you should deploy diggers to clean out under bridges during flood events, engage with local contractors to mitigate flood damage in a timely manner

Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

No

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Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text

The preamble to the council policy provides clear demonstration of why concentrating on greenhouse gasses is a pointless , economically and environmentally damaging basis for policy. Ice skating on the domain ponds in Ashburton last occurred in 1948, and the global climate has been seen to generally be on a warming trend for 2-300 years, these events are not a consequence of dramatic increases in greenhouse gasses, they are part of a warming trend which has been in place for the past 8,000 years. Reducing emissions and promoting sustainable practices are self evidently good things to do, but there is zero likelihood that even dramatic action... all the way to depopulating the planet, would reverse the climate variation.

Planting pine trees with the intention of "permanently" sequestering carbon is a lunacy, driven by the economic beneficiaries of the industry being created. A mature pine forest emits the same amount of CO2 and similar or higher methane to the atmosphere as does ruminant grazed pasture (most of the breakdown of wood, which is cellulose, is done by insects and their larvae which use the same enderoteric methanogenic bacteria to digest the fibres as are present in rumanent digestive systems. The economic, environmental and social catastrophe being created by the carbon sequestration industry needs to be avoided by positive council policy. Investing in Carbon sinks should be restricted to encouraging development of wetlands (enhanced with water from the former stock water races) and native amenity plantings. Carbon forestry should be a prohibited activity in the district

Monitoring of emissions and reporting will reduce the attractiveness of the region for investment

Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

Long Text

Q17 **Funding allocation**

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Transition to a low carbon future - low level of support

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

The ADC should withdraw from the CCPP group. This group is a self sustaining, political and pseudo religious body promoting a specific social and political agenda which provides no benefits to the people of our district.

Council should not promote mulching of grass clippings, instead they should promote compost heaps. Who was the nutter who made this a policy objective?

Remove funding for the It's time Canterbury campaign, put the money into parks and reserves

Emissions reduction targets should be removed from planning

Budget for EV purchases should be removed from planning, EV vehicles should only be purchased when they are the most cost effective solution over the economic life of the vehicle and including consideration of environmental disposal cost.

Remove the budget provision for providing an emissions blackboard. The $10,000 provision is nowhere near the actual cost of resourcing the input of data and dissemination of the information, this is the start of a new department. Kill it now

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

The greatest source of waste is the process you are engaged in While there are recognised regulatory requirements to pay homage at the alter of environmentalism the council's role is to deliver cost effective services to our community. Leave the sermons to the pulpits and marae

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Q22 **Name**

Short Text Murray Hawkes

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ROWE, Geoff

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Biodiversity and sustainabilty. As a farming entity we already strive for these ideals. But at what cost of compliance and new
regulation. Does money we spend on the above stay in the community or get gobbled up by the central govt parasites.

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?**

Multi Choice

No

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

most people i know practice some form of good FARM ENVIRONMENT PLAN. Why duplicate and sometimes triplicate our farming activities.these all come at a cost.

Q7 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?**

Multi Choice

Q8 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q9 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding waste management in our district?**

Multi Choice

Q10 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

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Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text as afor mentioned

Q15 **What is most important to you?**

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Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

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Transition to a low carbon future - low level of support

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text
no

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text Lower rates for farmers. Dont kill the goose that lays the golden egg

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Short Text GEOFF ROWE

Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

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Q25 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?**

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PWBP

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

No

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

sounds like bullshit to me

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

No

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

every one should have water tanks, all the stormwater that's wasted, no need for reforms

Q5 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?**

Multi Choice

No

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

one goal, common sense, and what the hell is blue green, there's only one green and that's green

Q7 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?**

Multi Choice

No

Q8 **Please explain**

Long Text

you lot are being led around by some pressure groups, the public know what's happening with climate change, but the changes required do not suit some sector's, so nothing changes, get real.

Q9 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding waste management in our district?**

Multi Choice

No

Q10 **Please explain**

Long Text

you lot created extra waste to the tip with your own buildings

Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

No

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

get to the causes/or matters that do not assist reducing climate change, you have been told get off your backsides and do it

Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

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Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text monitor the burn offs and print the results, and monitor yourselves running around in vehicles.

Q15 **What is most important to you?**

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Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

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Resilient infrastructure - moderate amount of support
Transition to a low carbon future - significant amount of support

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text done that

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text take note people are getting irate with the amount of bullshit,and lack of action

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text yes, this is nz built by our forbearers, and some of them returned from war to build the communities, thinking these day's is totally money orientated in terms of what looks good eg new council building etc, new vehicles and mowers, get real you lot, thats not the real world, hard graft, sensible constrained spending, cut the bullshit.

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Q22 **Name**

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BREAKWELL, Kieran

To whom it may concern,

I am submitting this feedback as a landowner located **downstream of the former Hepburns Drain (Ministry of Works Lateral #6)** — a strategic channel that was historically part of Ashburton's flood management network.

I understand that in recent years Council made the decision **not to accept ownership of this drain or the associated easements when they were offered by Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Ltd**. Since then, the drain has been filled in or left to degrade — despite being clearly identified in Council's own WSP Opus 2018 report as part of the managed urban stormwater network (Figure 6-4, p. 38).

My concern specifically is that this decision by council will restrict growth in our district by complicating development in the area, this has a direct monetary cost to the rate payers, council will in turn miss out on millions of dollars in reserves, development contributions, rateable properties, consent fees. If development in the Ashburton district continues to be much more difficult I will take my developments elsewhere. The ADC is well known as being an ‘’ánti development" council I would like to see this changed for the future of Ashburton.

I feel that both the council and developers should be positively working together to achieve the end goal which is the betterment of the area, sometimes I feel council see it as there job to make things difficult rather than working as a team with the developer/investor.

I also feel the decision above has put the Ashburton district in a very real safety risk if we are to get a major flood event.

are on the southern side of the Hakatere/Ashburton River and encompass the suburb of Tinwald and land to the northwest.

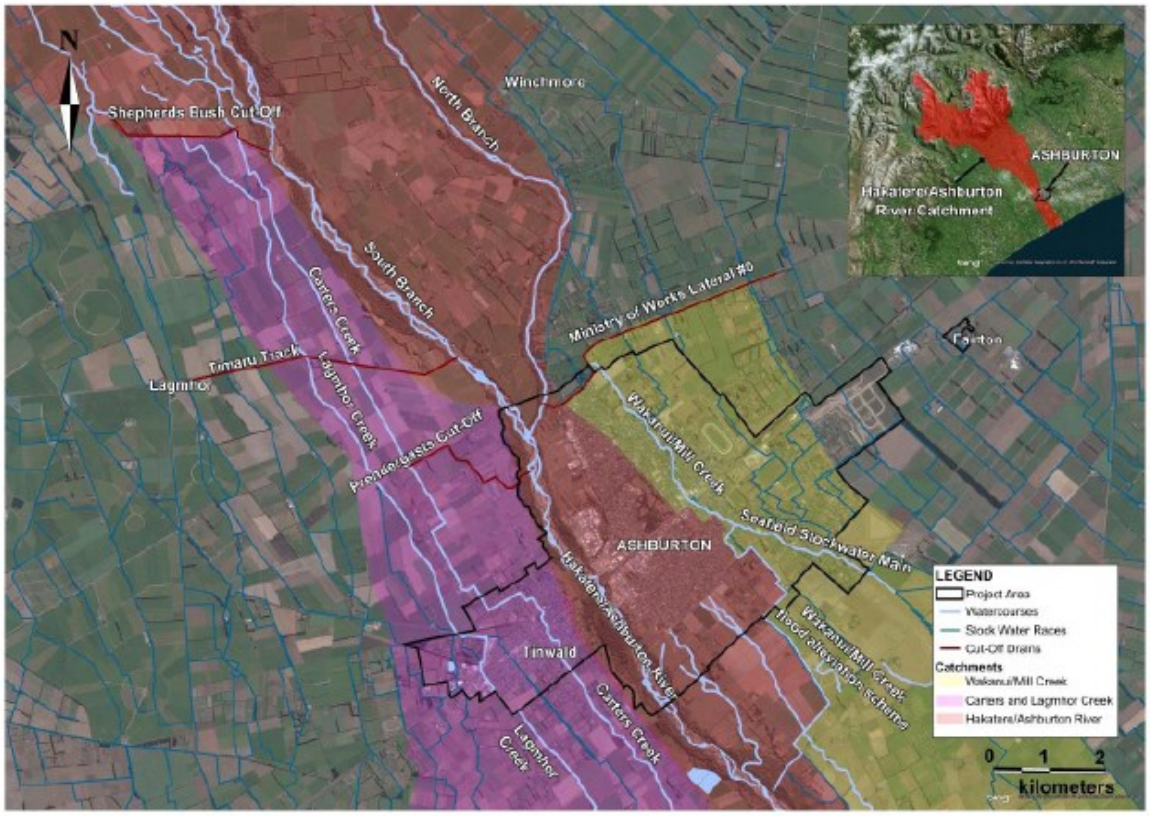


Figure 6-4: Hakatere/Ashburton River catchments

This has had **direct consequences for landowners like me**, located in the downstream flow path. The loss of this cut-off drain has:

- **Increased the stormwater loading on Wakanui Creek**, already known to be unstable and flood-prone;
- **Shifted the flood risk further downstream**, onto private landholders who were not part of the original decision-making;
- Forced developers and landowners in these areas to **undertake costly, ad-hoc, and piecemeal stormwater solutions** to try and manage runoff that used to be handled by a functioning upstream system.

In practical terms, this means:

- Sites that would have been readily developable a decade ago now require expensive detention basins, flood modelling, and reactive design;
- Council is setting expectations for climate resilience, yet **past Council decisions have undermined the very systems that supported growth and resilience**;
- The cost of poor long-term planning is now being worn by individual landowners, consultants, and developers downstream.

This is not just frustrating — it's unfair.

If the Council is sincere in its intention to "build resilient infrastructure" and prepare for the effects of climate change, then it needs to **take responsibility for legacy decisions** that have created vulnerability in the present.

I ask that the final Climate Change & Sustainability Strategy includes:

- A clear acknowledgement of past infrastructure decommissioning that has had **downstream consequences**;
- A commitment to reassess the function and status of previously removed assets like Hepburns Drain (Lateral #6), particularly where development pressure exists;
- Policy support and funding for **catchment-based, not site-by-site, stormwater planning** — especially in areas where Council decisions have constrained development capacity;
- And above all, that Council avoids repeating the mistake of ignoring existing infrastructure with proven flood management value.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective.

Yours sincerely,
Kieran Breakwell
Downstream Landowner, Ashburton District

Kieran Breakwell

KB Properties 2004 Ltd

Climate change submission

Mary Ralston

I would like to make a submission on the Ashburton District Council's Climate Change Policy.

1. I commend the ADC for its climate change resilience plan and call for community input to its climate change policy.

2. I would like to submit the ADC takes the opportunity to invest in nature based solutions to increase the district's resilience to the extremes of climate change.

   Nature based solutions have "stacking" or compounding benefits, that is, there are multiple benefits from a single action, and these benefits increase as time goes on, and address the biodiversity crisis as well as the climate crisis.

Nature based solutions include pest control, wilding conifer control, making room for braided rivers, protecting and increasing the extent of wetlands, protecting sections of the stock water races that have significant biodiversity values, increasing the planting of native plants throughout urban and rural areas of the district, and restoration of coastal ecosystems.

Pest animal control in the foothills and high country: there are significant populations of deer, tahr, possums, pigs and goats in the foothills and high country of the Ashburton District.

Deer, tahr and pigs have completely eaten out the understory of many areas of foothills forests and disturb high country scree slopes, leading to loss of soil and plant cover, which subsequently increases soil and plant loss during extreme rain events (which are likely to become more frequent).

Possums are voracious eaters of foliage and also eat native birds' eggs and chicks. Mustelids, rodents and wasps are also significant threats to native biodiversity.

Control of these pest species has the stacking benefits of protecting native birds and other native biodiversity while retaining soil and plant cover, which reduces flooding and sedimentation of downstream waterways, protects and reduces the loss of trees, shrubs and tussocks, at the same time as providing the climate change benefits of holding carbon in the soil, improving the conditions for further carbon sequestration and improving biodiversity.

Wilding conifer control: even though wilding conifers sequester carbon, their presence means space for native species has been usurped. Native species have better long-term carbon-holding and sequestering ability and provide habitat for native species. Native cover in the foothill and high country also has lower fire risk and enhances native biodiversity values.

The foothills have many areas of Douglas fir forestry plantings that have the risk of spread. Larch and Douglas fir are currently spreading from ADC plantings into Pudding Hill Stream.

Wetlands: protecting, enhancing and the re-wetting of wetlands have multiple and stacking benefits of enhancing water-holding capacity, protecting and enhancing native biodiversity values, reducing fire risk as well as holding and storing carbon. Urban wetlands can also help with flood control, pollution runoff and the lowering of urban temperatures.

Stock water races: many sections of the district's stock water races hold significant plant and animal biodiversity, which should be retained. They are also storm water conduits and hold water in the landscape in dry weather. Both of these weather extremes are likely to become more frequent as climate change proceeds.

Races in the Staveley area are rich in native fish and other aquatic life. Existing biodiversity offers a much better opportunity for maximising conservation values than starting from scratch with a planting project. Staveley is also likely to get more extreme rain events as the snow level rises and the races help transport water to the rivers.

Increasing the planting of native plants: urban areas are likely to get hotter. Green areas of native plants and water can dampen heat extremes and offer pleasant areas for people to recreate. The Ashburton River could be further enhanced with plantings and weed species controlled to offer shade, biodiversity and room for flood waters.

Coastal ecosystems: flax swamps and other coastal ecosystems can absorb carbon at the same time as softening floods and storm surges.

Further planting and restoration of the Wakanui stream and the Hakatere river mouth would improve biodiversity as well as being of significant climate change benefit.

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Date Submitted: Jun 23, 2025, 01:31 PM

STACKHOUSE, Ross

Q1 Do you support this vision?

Multi Choice

Q2 Please explain

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Q3 Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??

Multi Choice

Q4 Please explain

Long Text

Q5 Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?

Multi Choice

Q6 Please explain

Long Text

Q7 Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?

Multi Choice

Q8 Please explain

Long Text

Q9 Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding waste management in our district?

Multi Choice

Q10 Please explain

Long Text

Q11 Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?

Multi Choice

Q12 Please explain

Long Text

Q13 Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?

Multi Choice

Q14 Please explain

Long Text

Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

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Q17 **Funding allocation**

Matrix

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

Hi there,

Please find attached feedback on the draft climate change and sustainability strategy along with some photos.

Kind regards,

Ross Stackhouse
Stackhouse Farming Co Ltd

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Q22 **Name**

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Ross Stackhouse

Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

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Stackhouse Farming Co Ltd

Q24 **Email**

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Q25 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?**

Select Box

No

Q26 **Please provide phone number**

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Ashburton District Council

21 June 2025

To whom it may concern,

RE: **Feedback on Draft Climate Change & Sustainability Strategy — Downstream Impacts of Council's Drainage Decisions**

I am submitting this feedback as a landowner located near the Remington's Road Drain.

Too often during heavy rainfall the Remington's Road creek spills onto Remington and Frasers Road causing serious surface flooding. This area experiences high levels of traffic which in turn raises the concern of how important it is for the council to consider the impact of their drainage decisions and how it is affecting their local community.

Additionally, we have experienced significant over flow of this creek with direct consequences to our land. We have lost crops due to flooding from the Remington Road Drain and have had to undertake costly solutions to ensure we can be prepared and safe guard our crops if future creek flooding were to occur. As a farmer we already must cope with significant weather conditions and restrictions on farming practices, dealing with the downstream impacts of the Ashburton District Council's drainage decisions is something that could be avoided.

Action needs to be taken on managing existing infrastructure to ensure efficient water management particularly drainage channels. This is something we believe needs to be considered in the latest Climate Change & Sustainability Strategy.

Please find attached photos showing recent flooding of Remington's Road Drain.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective.

Yours sincerely,

Ross Stackhouse
Stackhouse Farming


TRUCKS
CROSSING






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Contribution ID: 2970
Member ID: 43
Date Submitted: Jun 23, 2025, 01:48 PM

GLUYAS, Peter

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

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Multi Choice

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Multi Choice

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Long Text

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Multi Choice

Q10 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text

socialpinpoint

Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

Long Text

Q17 **Funding allocation**

Matrix

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

Good evening,

Please find attached my thoughts.

Best regards,
Peter

Q21 **Upload additional information here**

File Upload

https://itsourplace.nz/download_file/863

Q22 **Name**

Short Text

Peter Gluyas

Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

Short Text

Q24 **Email**

Email

Q25 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?**

Select Box

No

Q26 **Please provide phone number**

Telephone

socialpinpoint

Subject: Feedback on Draft Climate Change & Sustainability Strategy — Downstream Impacts of Council's Drainage Decisions

To whom it may concern,

I am submitting this feedback as a landowner located **downstream of the former Hepburns Drain (Ministry of Works Lateral #6)** — a strategic channel that was historically part of Ashburton's flood management network.

I understand that in recent years Council made the decision **not to accept ownership of this drain or the associated easements when they were offered by Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Ltd**. Since then, the drain has been filled in or left to degrade — despite being clearly identified in Council's own WSP Opus 2018 report as part of the managed urban stormwater network (Figure 6-4, p. 38).

are on the southern side of the Hakatere/Ashburton River and encompass the suburb of Tinwald and land to the northwest.

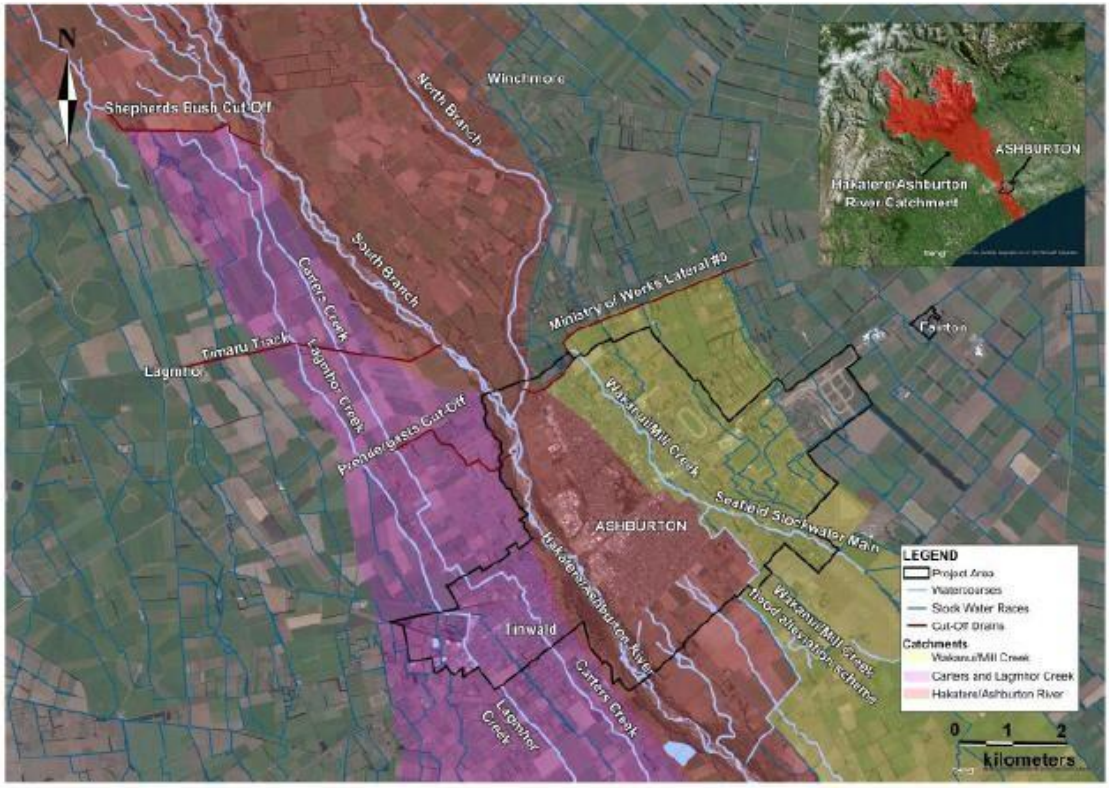


Figure 6-4: Hakatere/Ashburton River catchments

This has had **direct consequences for landowners like me**, located in the downstream flow path. The loss of this cut-off drain has:

- **Increased the stormwater loading on Wakanui Creek**, already known to be unstable and flood-prone;
- **Shifted the flood risk further downstream**, onto private landholders who were not part of the original decision-making;
- Forced developers and landowners in these areas to **undertake costly, ad-hoc, and piecemeal stormwater solutions** to try and manage runoff that used to be handled by a functioning upstream system.

In practical terms, this means:

- Sites that would have been readily developable a decade ago now require expensive detention basins, flood modelling, and reactive design;
- Council is setting expectations for climate resilience, yet **past Council decisions have undermined the very systems that supported growth and resilience**;
- The cost of poor long-term planning is now being worn by individual landowners, consultants, and developers downstream.

This is not just frustrating — it's unfair.

If the Council is sincere in its intention to "build resilient infrastructure" and prepare for the effects of climate change, then it needs to **take responsibility for legacy decisions** that have created vulnerability in the present.

I ask that the final Climate Change & Sustainability Strategy includes:

- **downstream consequences**;
- A commitment to reassess the function and status of previously removed assets like Hepburns Drain (Lateral #6), particularly where development pressure exists;
- Policy support and funding for **catchment-based, not site-by-site, stormwater planning** — especially in areas where Council decisions have constrained development capacity;
- And above all, that Council avoids repeating the mistake of ignoring existing infrastructure with proven flood management value.

In conclusion, the floods that breached the stopbanks above Digbys Bridge were the saviour of Racecourse Rd Allenton residents. If those stopbanks are now reinforced, then the next flood will cause havoc in the Allenton area without question. Below is a picture of the swale at the Hepburns Rd, Racecourse Rd intersection which should be reinstated in my opinion.



Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Gluyas
Downstream Landowner, Ashburton District

21 June 2025

To whom it may concern,

RE: Submission on Draft Climate Change & Sustainability Strategy

I am submitting feedback as a landowner and local business owner who over the years has witnessed many flooding events firsthand on my own properties and often getting the first call for help from other landowners. Significant flooding events in Mid Canterbury are evidently becoming more and more common.

Over the years I have witnessed poor decision making and lack of progress by the Council when it comes to recognizing the need for critical cut-off drains upstream of urban areas; along with considering the flow on effects to other drains and landowners when strategically important drains a filled in.

Cut off drains are often dry but when we experience major rainfall events, these critical drains provide a secondary flow path upstream of urban areas. This allows stormwater during a surge to flow straight out to the Ashburton River, reducing the volume of water in drains which flow through Ashburton's urban areas which will potentially flood and cause damage to downstream landowners.

Below are some examples:

Hepburn's Drain – a critical flow path for stormwater decommissioned by Council

I own property downstream of the former **Hepburns Drain (Ministry of Works Lateral #6),** which historically served as a key component in Ashburton's flood management network.

I understand that in recent years Council made the decision **not to accept ownership of this drain or the associated easements when they were offered by Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Ltd**. Since then, the drain has been filled in or left to degrade — despite being clearly identified in Council's own **WSP Opus 2018 report** as part of the managed urban stormwater network (Figure 6-4, p. 38).

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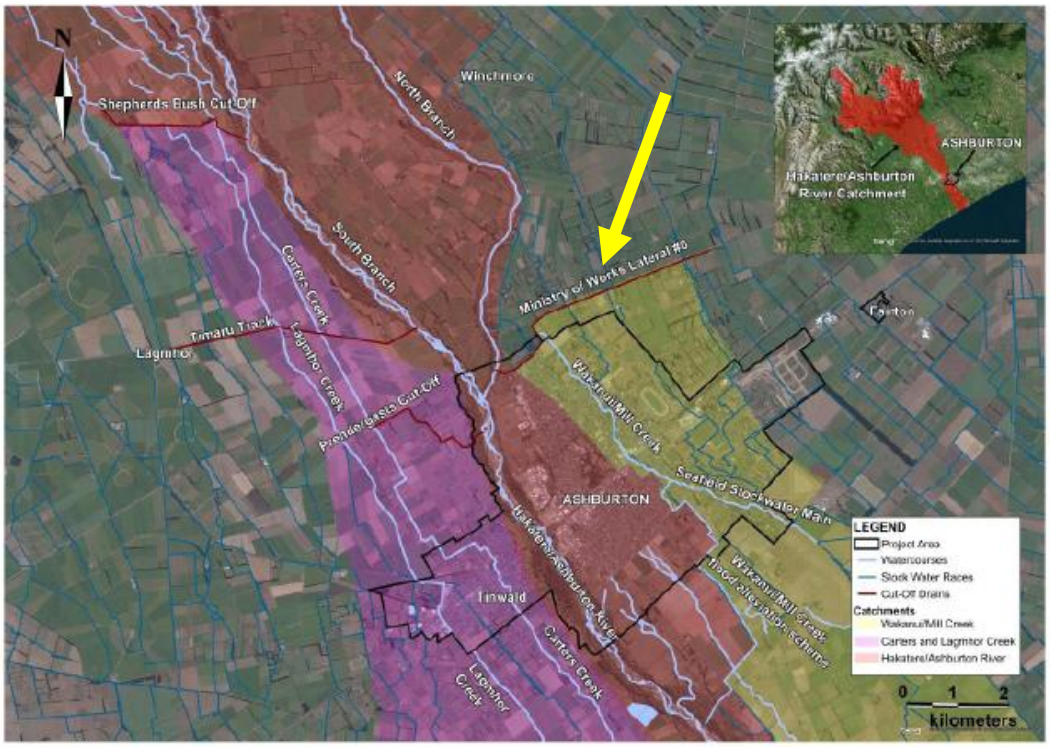


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- The cost of poor long-term planning is now being worn by individual landowners, consultants, and developers downstream.

Carters Creek – cut off drains upstream of urban areas discussed. Properties downstream flooded.

Carters Creek serves as a representative case of the challenges posed by significant **rainfall events in rural catchments impacting urban areas**. During periods of heavy rainfall, large volumes of stormwater originating from upstream rural areas are channelled through urban environments, resulting in **adverse impacts on downstream landowners**.

In one notable instance, a subdivision in which we were involved experienced severe flooding in June 2013. The volume of stormwater flowing through Carters Creek exceeded the channel's capacity, causing overtopping of the creek's banks and inundation of the adjacent street and private properties. This resulted in substantial damage to residential homes and prompted an emergency response, during which we were engaged to implement temporary measures such as sand bagging, pumping and redirecting flows to mitigate further harm.

Historically, there has been discussion around the **establishment of a cut-off drain** along properties on Hollands Road, designed to divert excess stormwater from Carters Creek directly to the Ashburton River. The intent of this secondary flow path was to **alleviate pressure on the urban section of the creek during peak flow events**. Although easements have been secured for this, the proposed cut-off drain has not yet been constructed.

The map below shows in yellow where Carter Creek flowed through to properties on Tarbotton's Road. The images below show properties flooded from Carters Creek on Tarbottons Road and Archibald Street. It also shows in red where the proposed cut of drain was discussed upstream of the urban Tinwald area.





Figure 1 – Sandbagging houses and garages from flooding on Tarbotton Road due to Carters Creek 20-06-2013



Figure 2 - Private property on Tarbottons Road surrounded by stormwater from Carters Creek



Figure 3 - Roadside swales flooding onto roads due to excess water from Carters Creek



Figure 4 - Private property on Archibald Street flooded from Carters Creek

Remington's Road Drain – impacts of downstream drainage modification on upstream flood risk

An illustrative example of poor downstream drainage management can be observed in the case of the Remington's Road drain, which runs along the rear boundary of my property on Frasers Road, where my quarry is located. Historically, the primary stormwater flow path followed this drain through my property and continued downstream through the adjacent farmland owned. In addition, a smaller secondary race existed along the side boundary of my quarry and farm, intended for minor flows of water.

At few years ago, the downstream landowner modified the system by filling in the primary drainage channel on their property, thereby redirecting the entirety of the upstream flow into the much smaller secondary race which runs along my property. This intervention significantly exceeded the design capacity of the race, resulting in severe flooding on my property. The inundation not only affected the surrounding land but also caused the complete flooding of the quarry itself, including machinery and operational areas.

This incident highlights the critical importance of considering strategically important drainage channels, particularly those historically responsible for managing high stormwater volumes. It also underscores the risks posed when downstream

landowners unilaterally alter drainage infrastructure without consideration of upstream and cumulative catchment effects.



Figure 5 - Full flow of Remington's Roads drain being funnelled into a small downstream drain and flooding property due to the original downstream drain being filled in by landowner.

Conclusion

If the Council is serious about building resilient infrastructure and adapting to the realities of climate change, it must acknowledge how past decisions have contributed to current vulnerabilities - and act decisively to correct course.

This submission has highlighted several examples where the lack of proactive, strategic drainage planning has resulted in significant flood risk and real damage to private property:

- **Hepburns Drain** was once a key flood mitigation asset but has since been decommissioned, directly increasing stormwater load on unstable downstream channels like Wakanui Creek.

- **Carters Creek** continues to flood urban areas during major rainfall events, despite longstanding proposals for an upstream cut-off drain that would divert excess flow to the Ashburton River. Easements exist, but no action has been taken to construct the drain as yet.

- **Remingtons Road Drain** demonstrates how downstream modifications can severely impact upstream properties, including commercial operations like my quarry, when historic primary drains are filled in or redirected without oversight.

These case studies make it clear: stormwater systems must be treated as integrated, catchment-wide networks — not left to degrade or be altered in isolation.

I urge Council to ensure that the **Climate Change & Sustainability Strategy** includes:

- A clear acknowledgement of past infrastructure decommissioning and its consequences for flood risk;
- A commitment to revisit the role and relevance of removed assets like **Hepburns Drain (Lateral #6)**, especially in areas now facing growth and development pressure.
- Support for a catchment-wide approach to stormwater planning, rather than piecemeal, site-by-site fixes - particularly in zones where Council actions have limited development options
- Clear mechanisms to prevent downstream landowners from altering critical drainage paths without upstream impact assessments or regulation. e.g. where will the water flow once the drains filled in? Who does that impact? Is the new flow path able to withstand the volume of water?;
- And, most importantly, a renewed investment in **cut-off drains** upstream of urban areas to intercept surge events and protect downstream communities and infrastructure.

Failure to act now risks repeating the mistakes of the past — at even greater cost to landowners, developers, and the environment.

Kind regards,

Stuart Tarbotton & Tim Tarbotton

Contribution ID: 2956
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Jun 19, 2025, 07:32 PM

BROWN, Philip

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

No

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

You have not given any evidence for your views on the region trending to a case of climate chaos. The Antarctica ice is currently increasing at a rapid rate in spite of the raised co2 levels we currently have.
I have not noticed anything out of the ordinary with the frequency of floods and elevated temperatures. The Rakaia River is not showing any trend to major flooding. Do your own research and don't rely on scaremongering. It is so easy to go with the current flow of popular thinking and another aspect is it is costing the rate payers. So you believe there is a cost for doing nothing.
I am willing to hear your views but please back up you views with scientific data .

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?**

Multi Choice

No

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

You are still proposing climate change as a catastrophic event. Tomorrow the sun will rise again in spite of your idealistic views.

Q7 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?**

Multi Choice

No

Q8 **Please explain**

Long Text

As above.

Q9 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding waste management in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q10 **Please explain**

Long Text

It is good to have a vision of disposing of waste to avoid damaging the land.

Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

No

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

As stated earlier.

Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

No

Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text

We are depend on coal and fossil fuel and until a new viable alternative is discovered not much can be done apart from a lot of hot air from certain Council's.

Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking

Nature-based solutions
Sustainable water management
A resilient, engaged and informed community
Waste reduction and minimisation
Resilient infrastructure
Transition to a low carbon future
other (if so, please clarify in text box)

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

Long Text

These results are totally depend on the way the questions are asked. A consultant commonly asks what results do you want to achieve. Meaning that the way the questions are asks will determine what the outcome will be.

Q17 **Funding allocation**

Matrix

Sustainable water management - low level of support
Nature-based solutions - low level of support
A resilient, engaged and informed community - low level of support
Waste reduction and minimisation - low level of support
Resilient infrastructure - low level of support
Transition to a low carbon future - low level of support

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

Reread my prior answers.
Thank you for your time.

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

Nothing noteworthy.

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

Q21 **Upload additional information here**

File Upload

Q22 **Name**

Short Text

Philip Brown

Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

Short Text

Philip Brown

Q24 **Email**

Email

Q25 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?**

Select Box

No

Contribution ID: 2958
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Jun 21, 2025, 12:18 PM

TARBOTTON, Tim

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Yes I think this is very important

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Yes i support the idea of blue-green networks but I don't think urban areas should become a holding pond for surging stormwater generated upstream in rural catchment areas which now consequrntly flows through urban areas. e.g. Wakanui Drain/ Mill Creek and Carters Creek. Cut off drains need to remain in place and be maintained upstream of urban areas to help take the surging stormwater in these drains directly out to the river before it enters townships. This means the blue-green networks through urban areas can be used to their full potential with surging stormwater generated from the urban area itself.

Q7 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q8 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q9 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding waste management in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q10 **Please explain**

Long Text

I am thinking big picture here but are there opportunities long term for Ashburton District to be part of something like the Amager Bakke, a state-of-the-art waste-to-energy plant in Copenhagen (on a smaller scale)? Waste that cannot be recycled is used at Amager Bakke to produce electricity for homes and companies in the Danish capital.

Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

Yes, I think ADC needs to identify stratgeically important drains in the district which provide critical infastructure during significnat flooding events. I think council also need to acknowledgement past infrastructure decommissioning that has had downstream consequences and make a commitment to reassess the function and status of previously removed assets. For example, the Hepburns Drain (Lateral #6) which was offered to ADC but ownership was declined and now sections of this drain have been filled in meaning stormwater now has to flow through Wakanui Drain/ Mill Creek and flood urban areas.

Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking

Resilient infrastructure
Nature-based solutions
Sustainable water management
A resilient, engaged and informed community
Waste reduction and minimisation
Transition to a low carbon future

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

Long Text

Q17 **Funding allocation**

Matrix

Sustainable water management - moderate amount of support
Nature-based solutions - moderate amount of support
A resilient, engaged and informed community - low level of support
Waste reduction and minimisation - low level of support
Resilient infrastructure - significant amount of support
Transition to a low carbon future - low level of support

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

Infrastructure that fails is most likley to have the biggest long term impact on people, their property and their environment. e.g. House flooding causing financial hardship and stress. E.g. Sewage ponds overflowing into rivers and lake not good for the environment, animals and humans.

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

Please take a good look at how stratgeically important cut off drains which run upstream of urban areas can have a significantly positive impact on downstream landowners. It seems like a no brainer to put these in place and I think the council made a big mistake allowing the Hepburn Cut Off Drain go and think council should consider reinstating it to protect urban Ashburton.

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

Q21 **Upload additional information here**

File Upload

Q22 **Name**

Short Text

Tim Tarbotton

Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

Short Text

Q24 **Email**

Email

socialpinpoint

Contribution ID: 2965
Member ID: 43
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CHING, Bryan

Q1 Do you support this vision?

Multi Choice

Q2 Please explain

Long Text

Q3 Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??

Multi Choice

Q4 Please explain

Long Text

Q5 Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?

Multi Choice

Q6 Please explain

Long Text

Q7 Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?

Multi Choice

Q8 Please explain

Long Text

Q9 Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding waste management in our district?

Multi Choice

Q10 Please explain

Long Text

Q11 Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?

Multi Choice

Q12 Please explain

Long Text

Q13 Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?

Multi Choice

Q14 Please explain

Long Text

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Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

Long Text

Q17 **Funding allocation**

Matrix

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

Hi there,

My name is Bryan Ching, and I have been a resident of Coniston Drive for the past 20 years. I was also involved in the original construction of Coniston Drive. With a background in earthmoving and civil works, I worked as a manager for Fulton Hogan here in Ashburton for 17 years.

In my view, the Hepburn Cut-Off Drain has always been a critical safeguard against flooding for the Ashburton township. It acted as a reliable backstop during major rainfall events, and I have long advocated for a similar cut-off drain to be established upstream of Tinwald to provide the same level of protection.

Importantly, this type of infrastructure doesn't just protect existing developments - it also supports future growth upstream of the Hepburn Drain by providing a controlled outlet for stormwater during peak events.

If a significant flooding event occurred above Ashburton, with water flowing down Methven Highway and Racecourse Road, the Hepburn Cut-Off Drain could intercept that flow and safely divert it to the Ashburton River. While there were some concerns raised in the past about water potentially backing up from the river, I am not aware of any instances where this has actually happened.

Maintaining the Hepburn Cut-Off Drain would significantly reduce pressure on Mill Creek during storm events, ultimately protecting both residential and urban areas from preventable flood damage.

Q21 **Upload additional information here**

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Q22 **Name**

Short Text

Bryan Ching

Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

Short Text

Q24 **Email**

Email

Q25 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?**

Select Box

No

Q26 **Please provide phone number**

Telephone

socialpinpoint

Contribution ID: 2966
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ROSEVEAR, Andrew

Q1 Do you support this vision?

Multi Choice

Q2 Please explain

Long Text

Q3 Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??

Multi Choice

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Long Text

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Multi Choice

Q6 Please explain

Long Text

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Q10 Please explain

Long Text

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Multi Choice

Q12 Please explain

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Multi Choice

Q14 Please explain

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Matrix

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

My name is Andrew Rosevear and I am a resident of Douglas Drive.

In my view, the Hepburn Cut-Off Drain was previously an important safeguard against flooding for the Ashburton township. Being a downstream landowner, it concerns me that if a significant flooding event was to occur and floodwater flows down Methven Highway and Racecourse Road, the damage to property will be far greater than if the Hepburn Drain was reinstated to assist with intercepting floodwater and safely divert to the Ashburton River.

Regards

Q21 **Upload additional information here**

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Q22 **Name**

Short Text

Andrew Rosevear

Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

Short Text

Q24 **Email**

Email

Q25 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?**

Select Box

No

Q26 **Please provide phone number**

Telephone

socialpinpoint

Contribution ID: 2968
Member ID: 43
Date Submitted: Jun 23, 2025, 01:41 PM

GREEN, Darren

Q1 Do you support this vision?

Multi Choice

Q2 Please explain

Long Text

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Multi Choice

Q4 Please explain

Long Text

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Multi Choice

Q14 Please explain

Long Text

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Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

Long Text

Q17 **Funding allocation**

Matrix

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express concern about the extreme surface flooding experienced at 45 O'Keefe Road during the recent rain events. The extent of the flooding appears to be significantly worsened by the poor state of the surrounding drainage systems and nearby creeks and/ or swales and dry creeks that may have filled in over time.

The water is not draining away effectively, posing risks to property, access, and safety in the area. It seems that the drains and creeks in the vicinity and nearby are either blocked or not functioning as they should, and we believe this is contributing heavily to the issue.

I would also like to note the new subdivision that has been developed to the east of 45 O'Keefe Road in the recent years. It is unclear whether these developments have been required to upgrade or properly manage their storm water systems to account for increased runoff. If their storm water has been directed into existing natural waterways or drainage systems without significant upgrades or capacity planning, this too could be contributing to the already increased volume and speed of water flowing eastward towards properties below.

We respectfully request that the Council reviews the storm water infrastructure associated with this subdivision to ensure it is not exacerbating already overflowing systems downstream areas.

During heavy rainfall, a significant volume of water flows in from high-elevated properties located to the west of 45 O'Keefe Road, moving eastward across the land. This volume of water adds considerable pressure to the already overwhelmed drainage systems in the nearby areas and contributes directly to the surface flooding on and around the property. The natural slope of the terrain channels water towards our location and without effective drainage infrastructure or clear watercourses this will continue to become increasingly severe with future rain events.

We kindly request that the Council urgently inspects and clears the drains and creeks around this location to mitigate future flooding risks and ensure proper water flow during heavy rainfall.

We would appreciate a response regarding any scheduled maintenance or actions that may be taken to address this issue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,
Darren Green

Property Owner of 45 O'Keefe Road

Q21 **Upload additional information here**

File Upload

Q22 **Name**

Short Text Darren Green

socialpinpoint

Contribution ID: 2959
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Jun 22, 2025, 05:16 PM

REDMOND, Barry

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?**

Multi Choice

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?**

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Q8 **Please explain**

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Q10 **Please explain**

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Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

There have been some opportunities not taken up. Referring to Hepburn drain. This provided flood protection as a cut off drain upstream of the urban area in the NW of Ashburton. If council is serious about providing a resilient infrastructure then they should persue the reestablishment of this cutoff to help minimise the flow and potential flooding of Wakanui Creek.

Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

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Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking

Sustainable water management
Resilient infrastructure
Waste reduction and minimisation
A resilient, engaged and informed community
Nature-based solutions

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

Long Text

Q17 **Funding allocation**

Matrix

Q18 **Please explain:**

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Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

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Q22 **Name**

Short Text

Barry Redmond

Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

Short Text

Q24 **Email**

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Q25 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?**

Select Box

No

Q26 **Please provide phone number**

Telephone

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Contribution ID: 2969
Member ID: 43
Date Submitted: Jun 23, 2025, 01:46 PM

KEELEY, Stan

Q1 Do you support this vision?

Multi Choice

Q2 Please explain

Long Text

Q3 Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??

Multi Choice

Q4 Please explain

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Q14 Please explain

Long Text

socialpinpoint

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Q17 **Funding allocation**

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Q18 **Please explain:**

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Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

To whom it may concern,

Please see my attached submission for “Draft Climate Change & Sustainability Strategy”

Kind regards,
Stan

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Q22 **Name**

Short Text

Stan Keeley

Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

Short Text

Q24 **Email**

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Q25 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?**

Select Box

No

Q26 **Please provide phone number**

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To whom it may concern,

Climate Change & Sustainability Strategy.

I am submitting this feedback as a landowner located near the former Hepburn's Drain also known as Ministry of Works Lateral #6 — also known as the Ashburton Lyndhurst irrigation tail race.

I believe this channel may have been historically part of the Ashburton district flood management network. Apparently, it is clearly identified in Council's own WSP Opus 2018 report as part of the managed urban stormwater network (Figure 6-4, p. 38).

I am disappointed to learn that when it was offered to the Ashburton District Council by Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Ltd. The ADC decided not to accept ownership of this drain & the easements associated with the properties that the drain occupied.

Since then, the drain has been cut off, in some places it has been partially & or filled in, & possibly been used as a dumping ground, also been left to degrade.

This has had direct consequences for Landowners & Urban Property owners located both upstream of Lateral #6 & on the downstream flow path, including the Wakanui Creek (this is also known as Mill Creek from Farm Road, all the way through urban Ashburton to Braebrook), which is already known to be a flood-prone area in the past.

In the last 2.5 years, I have seen firsthand during several events of substantial rainfall, the surface water flows from the vicinity, of at least, an area of land east of the Methven highway/Racecourse Road. These water flows can build up at Hepburn's Road, as well as flow down other drains, one of which flows through a culvert under Racecourse Road at the approximate address of 400 Racecourse Road, & then spills out onto the farm land on the other side of the road, & I assume the water then flows its own way through landowners' properties down to the former Hepburn's Drain (or MoW Lateral #6 — or Ashburton Lyndhurst irrigation tail race), where the water flows to where the tail race has been dammed up to stop water flow. The water then backs up & spills over the lowest point into more landowners' properties & flows down onto both urban property areas as well as into the Wakanui creek (also known as Mill Creek from Farm Road down to Braebrook).

If Hepburn's drain was re-opened, this would allow water to drain & flow away down the tail races' original path from all land areas that are affected now. This will go a long way towards protecting properties & the Ashburton urban area.

Under the current situation, there could be unnecessary costs that are being worn by rate payers, urban property owners & landowners downstream from Hepburn's drain.

I think this is very unfair, caused due to the poor short-sighted decision making that was made in the past to shut down this valuable infrastructure.

I'm led to believe that Ashburton District Council has a responsibility to look after our district, prepare & maintain our core infrastructure to protect & help our community for the future. Given that we have a changing climate, the ADC also should be focused on strengthening our district's resilience & showing how we can be more sustainable.

I ask that the final Climate Change & Sustainability Strategy includes:

1. A clear acknowledgement of past infrastructure decommissioning of Lateral #6 that has & does affect property owners as well as urban citizens up & downstream.

2. A commitment to reassess the function and status of the previously removed asset, Hepburn's Drain (Lateral #6), even if it is not to the original scale, that it once was, but to be fit for purpose with resilience into the future.

3. Policy support and funding for catchment-based, stormwater planning — especially in areas upstream & surrounding urban areas that will be used in future developments.

4. And above all, that Council puts things in place to prevent repeating the mistake of removing existing infrastructure with proven management value.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective.

Yours sincerely,

Stan Keeley.

Landowner,

315 Racecourse Road

Ashburton District.

Contribution ID: 2960
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Jun 22, 2025, 05:34 PM

WHITE, Kate

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

I'm pleased to see in 1.1. B that mana whenua are to be involved in water management decisions.

1.3 D sounds very sensible - that ADC will Promote the adoption of residential rainwater tanks in urban areas.

I think for 1.3 to happen there will need to be education e.g. workshops offered on how to install rainwater tanks, organised tours to and/or media articles about homes/ farms/ lifestyle blocks that are doing innovative things regarding water conservation and efficiency. Show off the solutions and make it easy for people to implement them.

Q5 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Great to see in 2.2 a nod to supporting the development of food forests and community gardens!

2.4A - great to see the plan to inform and educate the community about sustainable land use and soil conservation - please ensure any educational event like this gets listed on www.keeplearningmc.nz so more people find out about it. Perhaps ADC could partner with the community garden, Keep Learning Mid Canterbury and those who are already demonstrating success models - to put on relevant talks, workshops, tours etc. on these topics.

Q7 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q8 **Please explain**

Long Text

It was clear at the council consultation evening on the climate and sustainability document that education on climate change is necessary! Also needed - a better understanding of how sustainability relates to/ affects climate change.

3.2 C Great to see the you want to establish and support community education - make sure any community education events you run get listed on www.keeplearningmc.nz so everyone can find out about them! Who could you collaborate with to make these happen? It has worked really well with Lesley and the Eco Educate team providing education both at the learning hub at the Waste Recovery Park and in schools and at events etc. - they have done a fantastic job. I was sorry to see their contract has not been renewed. I hope whoever takes it over is as passionate about waste reduction and sustainability as they have been.

I really like 3.5 - bringing people/ groups together and establishing initiatives to engage the community and promote collective action. Fantastic.

Q9 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding waste management in our district?**

Multi Choice

No

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Q10 **Please explain**

Long Text

I don't disagree with these objectives but think there are a few things missing. The current objectives won't make much of a dent without things done on a national level that would help *everyone* reduce waste. Section 4 is missing an objective on lobbying central government on waste issues - it is vaguely mentioned in 4.1 D but I think it needs to be one of the main objectives. It is excellent that we are going to have the green waste bin introduced in the district to minimise organic matter going to landfill, the nationwide ban on plastic bags also meant a shift in behaviour when shopping - with most remembering their reusable bags these days. More nationwide policies need to be advocated for if we want to see widespread change locally.

I feel an addition is needed, e.g. 4.5. "advocate for progressive waste management and minimisation laws and nationwide waste policies such as the introduction of container deposit schemes and product stewardship." It's those kind of changes that can't easily be introduced locally but would have a massive impact locally if introduced on a national level. I lived in Denmark in the 90s and they had a container deposit scheme then - and still do - why are we so behind!? It means you never see plastic bottles thrown away as they have monetary value.

re:4.4. Education is massively needed around the impacts of the (global) waste crisis. We still have the mentality in NZ that you can just throw something 'away' but there is no 'away'. Education is needed about the escalating amounts of waste generation outpacing current waste management capabilities and the impacts this can have on the environment and human health.

It is great that one of the goals (4.4 A) is to 'Improve existing levels of communication'... While council might have financial incentives for reducing waste (and this will ultimately also be in ratepayers interests) engaging the community will need to centre around non-financial messaging, draw on our common values and dreams for the future of our environment and human & community health.

We need clear messaging around waste *reduction* - far more important than recycling messages. People need to be thinking about not getting the waste in the first place! Maybe council could collaborate with others on educational events - fun ways to reduce waste (in the kitchen, laundry, bathroom, on farm, cleaning products, at the office etc.), raise the profile of local business or community groups who support waste reduction e.g. Simply Eco who runs a refillery (was a shop but now at the farmers market once a month) or perhaps competitions/ challenges/ awards that focus on waste reduction.

An idea to think about when improving existing levels of communication - engage influential people from the main migrant communities and ask them how best to communicate the message so their communities will hear it. Might be good to have targeted messaging instead of one size fits all that in reality misses the mark.

Very pleased to see 4.4B & 4.4C in here.
Something missing that I'd like to see here too: Increase support for businesses & community organisations wanting to develop waste minimisation initiatives, including providing grants, exploring new funding opportunities, assisting businesses who wish to reuse materials (waste exchange programmes - not limited to construction sector) and collaborating with private sector and community groups that are innovating (for example through circular economy initiatives).

It has been great to see Eco Educate at council events (4.4D) to deal with waste and divert what they can, educating the public as well... but even better would be council running events that have at their outset more of a zero waste plan. i.e. no takeaway coffee cups allowed, people encouraged to bring their own - or buy reusables on site.

Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text

6.3 B Council could consider being part of and promoting Love to Ride & Aotearoa Bike Challenge (every Feb) - many other councils support this. https://www.lovetoride.net/ We have the ideal conditions for biking/ commuting to work on bikes - with flat, wide roads, pretty good weather, low traffic and short distances to anywhere. Let's see some campaigns to normalise it. Maybe council could support events like getting your bike ready for spring/ summer riding... sponsoring puncture repairs, bike fitting etc. Reducing the barriers to bike riding for different communities.

It is really disappointing that cycling infrastructure in Ashburton has not been well designed (eg. cycle way on footpath on Cass st that means you have to stop at every intersection - consequently cyclists use the road). With the

recent changes to the EA Networks Centre entrance I was disappointed to not see any consideration of cyclists... they have to go over those speed bumps (which people I know on bikes have fallen off) then awkwardly get up on to the area where the bike stands are (for me that means, getting off the bike and lifting it up off the driveway onto the footpath area- no smooth way to do it while on your bike). The steps from Oak grove down into the EA Centre carpark could have had a flat paved area beside the steps so people could push their bikes (or prams) up (and down). It seems there's not much thought given to walkers or cyclists... and around a sports facility this should have been a key feature.

6.5 A. List any events on the Keep Learning Mid Canterbury website

Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking

Waste reduction and minimisation
Sustainable water management
Nature-based solutions
Resilient infrastructure
A resilient, engaged and informed community
Transition to a low carbon future

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

Long Text

Q17 **Funding allocation**

Matrix

Sustainable water management - significant amount of support
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A resilient, engaged and informed community - low level of support
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Resilient infrastructure - moderate amount of support
Transition to a low carbon future - low level of support

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

Suggested additions were made in previous comment sections.

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

Q21 **Upload additional information here**

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Q22 **Name**

Short Text

Kate White

Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

Short Text

Q24 **Email**

Email

Q25 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?**

Select Box

No

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Response No:

Contribution ID: 2961
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Jun 23, 2025, 12:08 AM

EVEREST, Phillip

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Need to balance environmental, social, cultural and economic requirements within our community.
Protecting the environment - maybe a bit strong as there maybe things that impact the environment outside our control - ie. Sea invasion, temperature change may have already impacted some plants and animals.
Water is such a critical part of our community - where is water storage in the strategy? With larger events and maybe less snow our rivers may become less reliable. The ability to take high flows and store for later use could become even more critical to our communities survival.

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Yes but again water storage is omitted.
Will we have a shortage of water or a less regular supply - maybe more water BUT with floods less can be utilized.
Council could encourage legislation that enables water quality projects to be undertaken without considerable regulatory/consenting costs. This is currently a considerable hurdle to good mitigations.

Q5 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Biodiversity could be a challenge in a changing environment - we might be able to start growing Kauri and bananas!
Great to enable sustainable land use and soil conservation - just need some clear definitions of what these things are - sustainable land use also need to be economic for the landowner AND the community.
In my time in the district soil conservation has shown a massive improvement largely due to cultivation practices and irrigation.

Q7 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q8 **Please explain**

Long Text

As the brief has said - there are many different views on climate change BUT as we export so much product offshore the need to demonstrate our commitment is rapidly becoming our license to operate.
Your data showing Mid Canty is emitting 66tGHG/capita vs the national average of 15t/capita needs some publicity as to what we can do and HOW?
To me most of this relates to our livestock systems - this will take a commitment from the rural members of our community if meaningful reductions are to be made.

Q9 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding waste management in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q10 **Please explain**

Long Text

We are already doing a good job here - no cash charges for waste means there is no excuse in not disposing at the correct site - the free whiteware and electronics recycling is a good start by the council.
Composting will be another addition for green waste and food waste which i see you are pursuing.
Peer pressure and good recycling opportunities are key here.

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Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

No

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

We need to think harder about our rivers - particularly the Ashburton and Hinds that could threaten our towns - do we have the right flood control structures - just building the stop banks higher might not be the solution - do we need a wider path for the water to flow - in places we may need to widen the width between stop banks - this has a serious cost in the community particularly to the land owners - need to be thought well through and have community buy in.
Riparian planting could create more flooding while enhancing biodiversity.

Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text

Need to investigate how we can measure and store more carbon in our soils AND get acknowledged for it - the Irish are doing it already and we are dropping the ball!!!

Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking

other (if so, please clarify in text box)
Sustainable water management
Resilient infrastructure
A resilient, engaged and informed community
Waste reduction and minimisation
Transition to a low carbon future
Nature-based solutions

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

Long Text

other - Water storage for our community

Q17 **Funding allocation**

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Transition to a low carbon future - moderate amount of support

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

Enabling legislation to allow/encourage 'good stuff to happen'
Too much energy and money is wasted consenting good mitigations - we need to be able to try new stuff which may or may not work but then remediate if not successful

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Q22 **Name**

Short Text

Phillip Everest

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Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

Short Text Concerned local

Q24 **Email**

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Q25 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?**

Select Box Yes

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Contribution ID: 2962
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DOBSON, Vicki & Alan, **McCORMICK** David & Elizabeth

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

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Multi Choice

Yes

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

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Q10 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

• We support the Council's commitment to infrastructure resilience but stress the importance of protecting Tinwald's downstream urban area from unmanaged rural stormwater runoff.
• Existing infrastructure – including Carters Creek, Lagmhor Creek, and Council's Tinwald drainage systems are overburdened during heavy rainfall, placing homes, roads, and public infrastructure at increased flood risk.
• Council should proactively intercept rural runoff before it reaches urban catchments. This must include strategic interventions upstream of Tinwald, rather than relying solely on upgrades within the urban area.
• A practical and long-overdue solution is the construction of a cut-off drain above (up-contour) of Tinwald's western boundary - running southeast from Tinwald Westerfield Mayfield Road to the Ashburton River.
• It is understood that Environment Canterbury has already secured part of an easement corridor for this concept, offering a foundation for collaboration and delivery.
• Council's own Stockwater Exit Transition Plan (2024–2027) acknowledges that some stockwater races serve dual roles - providing both stockwater and critical drainage/stormwater services.
• Tinwald is one such area where these dual-purpose races need to be preserved or repurposed to serve climate

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resilience objectives, even after stockwater services end.
• Council should integrate the proposed Tinwald cut-off drain into both the Climate Change Strategy and the Stockwater Exit Transition Plan, recognising the hydrological importance of these corridors to the wider urban drainage network.

We recommend that Council:
o Retain or adapt drainage-aligned water races serving urban protection roles
o Work with ECan and local landowners to complete the Tinwald drainage corridor
o Allocate funding and include this as a priority action under Resilient Infrastructure planning

Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text

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Transition to a low carbon future - low level of support

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

We would like our representative , Glen McLachlan from Davis Ogilvie in Timaru , to speak to our submission but he is not available next week . Would it be possible to have him speak sometime the following week.

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Q22 **Name**

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Vicki & Alan Dobson , David & Elizabeth McCormick

Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

Short Text

Westview (2021) Ltd

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Q24 **Email**

Email

Q25 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?**

Select Box Yes

Q26 **Please provide phone number**

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MURRAY, Peter

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

The vision is good for the district and the people of the district.

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q8 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q9 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding waste management in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q10 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

No

Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text

Greenhouse gas emissions and global warming could have benefits for increased food production and lower energy usage.

Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking

Resilient infrastructure
Nature-based solutions
Sustainable water management
Waste reduction and minimisation
A resilient, engaged and informed community

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Transition to a low carbon future - low level of support

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

Infrastructure, water and waste management are core council functions.

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

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Q20 **Any other comments:**

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Q22 **Name**

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Peter Murray

Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

Short Text

Q24 **Email**

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Q25 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?**

Select Box

No

Q26 **Please provide phone number**

Telephone

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GALVIN, Adrian
late submission

From: Adrian Galvin
Sent: Tuesday, 24 June 2025 09:23
To: ADC Customer Services <info@adc.govt.nz>
Cc:
Subject: Council Drainage Decisions Down stream impact

To whom it may concern,

I am submitting this feedback as a landowner located downstream of the former Hepburns Drain (Ministry of Works Lateral #6) — a strategic channel that was historically part of Ashburton's flood management network.
I understand that in recent years Council made the decision not to accept ownership of this drain or the associated easements when they were offered by Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Ltd. Since then, the drain has been filled in or left to degrade — despite being clearly identified in Council's own WSP Opus 2018 report as part of the managed urban stormwater network (Figure 6-4, p. 38).

are on the southern side of the Hakatere/Ashburton River and encompass the suburb of Tinwald and land to the northwest.

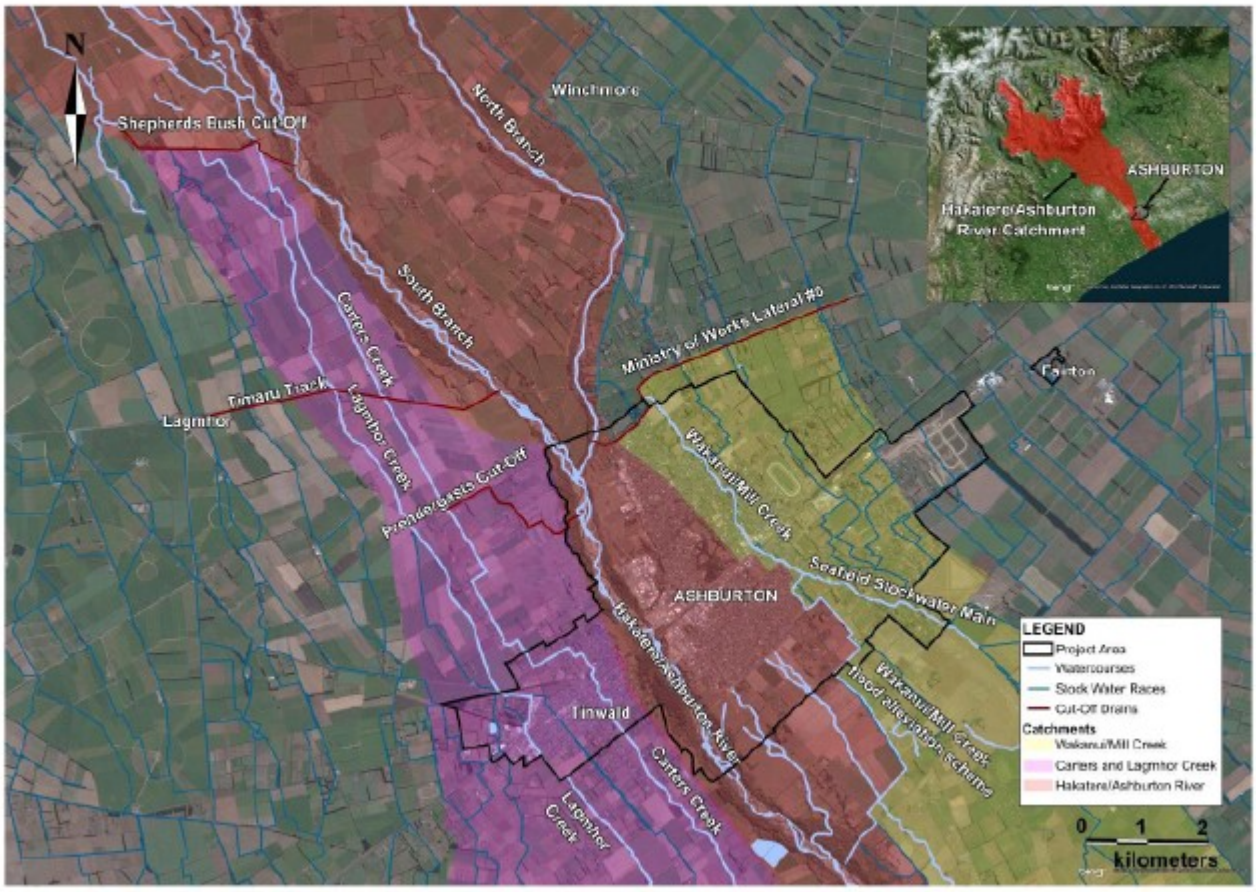


Figure 6-4: Hakatere/Ashburton River catchments

This has had direct consequences for landowners like me, located in the downstream flow path. The loss of this cut-off drain has:

- Forced developers, like us to undertake costly solutions to try and manage runoff that used to be handled by a functioning upstream system.
- Increased the stormwater loading on Wakanui Creek, already known to be flood-prone;
- Shifted the flood risk further downstream, onto private landholders who were not part of the original decision-making;

This means:

- Sites that would have been readily developable a decade ago now require expensive detention basins, flood modelling, and reactive design, increasing he price of these sections for the end users
- Council is setting expectations for climate resilience, yet past Council decisions have undermined the very systems that supported growth and resilience;
- The cost of poor long-term planning is now being worn by individual landowners, consultants, and developers.

This is not just frustrating — it's unfair.

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I ask that the final Climate Change & Sustainability Strategy includes:

- A clear acknowledgement of past infrastructure decommissioning that has had downstream consequences;
- A commitment to reassess the function and status of previously removed assets like Hepburns Drain (Lateral #6), particularly where development pressure exists;
- Policy support and funding for catchment-based, not site-by-site, stormwater planning — especially in areas where Council decisions have constrained development capacity;
- And above all, that Council avoids repeating the mistake of ignoring existing infrastructure with proven flood management value.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective.

Yours sincerely,
Adrian Galvin

Director
Ardlussa Limited

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Date Submitted: Jun 24, 2025, 09:28 AM

NEL, Masha
Ashburton Christian School (youth workbook)

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding nature-based solutions in the district?**

Multi Choice

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for our community?**

Multi Choice

Q8 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q9 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding waste management in our district?**

Multi Choice

Q10 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q11 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding resilient infrastructure in our district?**

Multi Choice

Q12 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q13 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding a low carbon future for our district?**

Multi Choice

Q14 **Please explain**

Long Text

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Q15 **What is most important to you?**

Ranking

A resilient, engaged and informed community
Waste reduction and minimisation
Transition to a low carbon future
Resilient infrastructure
Sustainable water management
Nature-based solutions

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

Long Text

Q17 **Funding allocation**

Matrix

Sustainable water management - low level of support
Nature-based solutions - moderate amount of support
A resilient, engaged and informed community - moderate amount of support
Waste reduction and minimisation - moderate amount of support
Resilient infrastructure - low level of support
Transition to a low carbon future - low level of support

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

For me, I have never been too eager to learn about climate change. To be honest, humans aren't the problem as much as what we think we are. For at least 60 years people have been saying that the world will falter away because of what we are doing. It's all part of God's plan.

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

It is all a sham, for me.
I respect for what you think, but it's not what I would say/do.
Weather also influences the wildlife and nature. For example, a lightning bolt hitting a patch of dry grass and setting it on fire. Fires can be caused by us as well.

Ashburton Christian School (youth workbook submission)

Q21 **Upload additional information here**

File Upload

Q22 **Name**

Short Text

Masha Nel

Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

Short Text

Ashburton Christian School (youth workbook submission)

Q24 **Email**

Email

Q25 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?**

Select Box

Yes

Q26 **Please provide phone number**

Telephone

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Contribution ID: 2974
Member ID: 43
Date Submitted: Jun 24, 2025, 09:42 AM

JUNTILLA, Abegail
Ashburton Christian School
(youth workbook)

Q1 **Do you support this vision?**

Multi Choice

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q3 **Do you think this goal and these objectives capture what you see as the key challenges and opportunities regarding sustainable water management in the district??**

Multi Choice

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Long Text

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Multi Choice

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Long Text

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Long Text

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Multi Choice

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Long Text

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Ranking

A resilient, engaged and informed community
Waste reduction and minimisation
Transition to a low carbon future
Resilient infrastructure
Nature-based solutions
Sustainable water management

Q16 **Please add comment or explain if selected 'other':**

Long Text

I put having a resilient, engaged and informed community down on the previous page ranked as number 1 of being most important because it is essential. Having an informed and engaged community can lead to much support and have us work together as a whole town to strengthen our sustainability. We can start off by doing something simple as a community and that's being more aware of decreasing our use of plastics (things that are harmful to our eco-system).

Q17 **Funding allocation**

Matrix

Sustainable water management - moderate amount of support
Nature-based solutions - moderate amount of support
A resilient, engaged and informed community - low level of support
Waste reduction and minimisation - significant amount of support
Resilient infrastructure - significant amount of support
Transition to a low carbon future - significant amount of support

Q18 **Please explain:**

Long Text

Q19 **Is there any specific additional action or anything else Council should be doing with regards to climate change and sustainability for the district?**

Long Text

Q20 **Any other comments:**

Long Text

What about you?

My school for the past few years have been prioritising recycling. We also have our own compost bin around our garden which the junior school use often.
My family and I take advantage of the fact that we have a recycling bin and use every chance we get to recycle.

Other comments:
What I was saying in the page before... Levels of rubbish, greenhouse gases, use of water etc / things that are bad for our environment, we should have stricter rules and laws about. Our earth is dying and most of it is entirely us human's faults and we should try save it before we kill its beauty and itself overall.

I just wanted to say such a big thank you for all the hard work, time and effort the Ashburton District Council does and give. The community totally appreciates it! It does not go unseen and unnoticed. Thank you for also asking the community's opinion!

Ashburton Christian School (youth workbook submission)

Q21 **Upload additional information here**

File Upload

Q22 **Name**

Short Text

Abegail Juntilla

Q23 **Organisation (if appropirate)**

Short Text

Ashburton Christian School (youth workbook submission)

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From: Clark McLeod <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, 24 June 2025 18:10
To: ADC Customer Services <info@adc.govt.nz>
Subject: Late Submission- Climate Change & Sustainability Strategy

To whom it may concern,

I am submitting this feedback as a landowner located **downstream of the former Hepburns Drain (Ministry of Works Lateral #6)** — a strategic channel that was historically part of Ashburton's flood management network.
I understand that in recent years Council made the decision **not to accept ownership of this drain or the associated easements when they were offered by Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Ltd**. Since then, the drain has been filled in or left to degrade — despite being identified in Council's own WSP Opus 2018 report as part of the managed urban stormwater network (Figure 6-4, p. 38).

are on the southern side of the Hakatere/Ashburton River and encompass the suburb of Tinwald and land to the northwest.

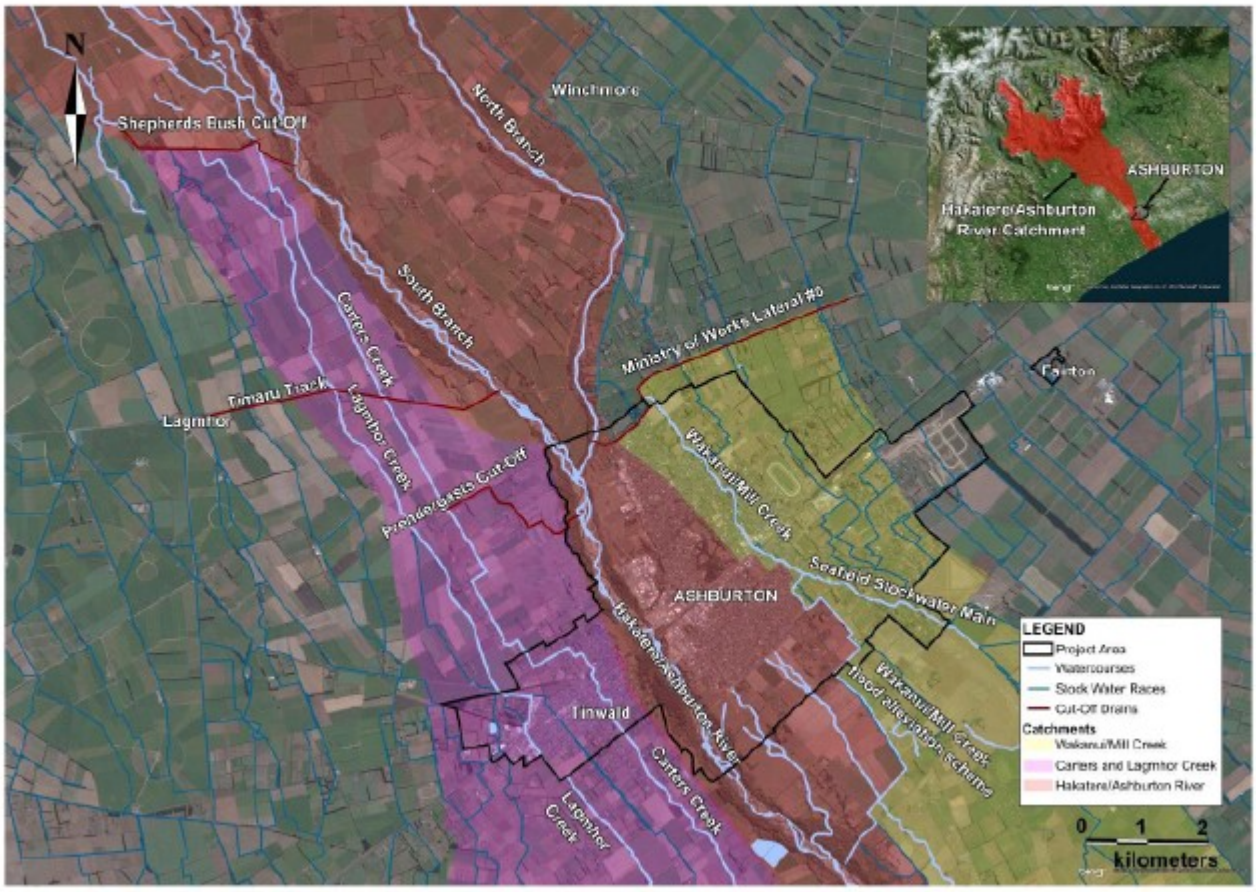


Figure 6-4: Hakatere/Ashburton River catchments

This has had **direct consequences for landowners like me**, located in the downstream flow path. The loss of this cut-off drain has:

- **Increased the stormwater loading on Wakanui Creek**, already known to be unstable and flood-prone;
- **Shifted the flood risk further downstream**, onto private landholders who were not part of the original decision-making;
- Forced developers and landowners in these areas to **undertake costly, ad-hoc, and piecemeal stormwater solutions** to try and manage runoff that used to be handled by a functioning upstream system.

In practical terms, this means:

- Sites that would have been readily developable a decade ago now require expensive detention basins, flood modelling, and reactive design to cater for others surface water;
- Council is setting expectations for climate resilience, however **past Council decisions have undermined the very strategy and systems that supported growth and resilience**;
- There is potential for excessive cost of flood water management without the **reinstatement of the Hepburn drain.**

This is poor implementation of Climate change strategy.

If the Council is sincere in its intention to “build resilient infrastructure” and prepare for the effects of climate change, then it needs to **take responsibility for legacy decisions** that have created vulnerability in the present.

I ask that the final Climate Change & Sustainability Strategy includes:

- A clear acknowledgement of past infrastructure decommissioning that has had **downstream consequences**;
- A commitment to reassess the function and status of previously removed assets like Hepburns Drain (Lateral #6), particularly where development pressure exists;
- Policy support and funding for **catchment-based, not site-by-site, stormwater planning** — especially in areas where Council decisions have constrained development capacity;
- Council to avoids repeating the mistake of ignoring existing infrastructure with proven flood management value.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective.

Yours sincerely,
Clark McLeod
Downstream Landowner, Ashburton District
160 Racecourse Road,
Ashburton