

Name: **Garry Jackson**

Ward: **North Canterbury/Opukepuke**

Occupation/role in community:

1. In what ways do you believe that ECan has succeeded in protecting and enhancing our natural environment? ***Ecan has made progress through the Canterbury Regional Water Plan, and its implementation through the collaborative zone committee approach of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy. With regard to North Canterbury specifically, Ecan policy actions, nitrate management restrictions, water flow regimes and enhanced farm management practices have all resulted in a substantial reduction in dairy conversions and consents, and the present Plan Change 7 process in Waimakariri is a further example of the actions taken***

2. In what ways do you believe that Ecan has failed? ***I do not believe that failure is the correct terminology. I believe, as above, that progress has been made, in difficult, challenging circumstances requiring collaboration across competing interests.***

3. What specific things do you intend to achieve if you are elected to Ecan? List your 3 main priorities. ***I will be a strong advocate for the pursuit of Canterbury's future prosperity across all dimensions (environmental, social, cultural, and economic). Further to the foregoing, I will be a strong voice for consensus building and effective governance to achieve the foregoing point for the whole of Canterbury, and the North Canterbury ward/Opukepuke within that pursuit.***

4. How do you intend to achieve these priorities? List specifically the policies or rules you intend to change or implement (no more than 50 words per priority) ***This question is misleading. Individual elected councillors cannot directly change policies and implement rules within the collaborative and consensus framework of an effective governance body. I will achieve the priorities as outlined in my response to Q3 by way of my proven track record as a successful, proactive Mayor.***

5. Do you believe we need to reduce cow numbers on the Canterbury Plains, in order to regenerate our waterways and protect our drinking water supplies? ***The recently announced changes to Freshwater Management Standards and Policies by Central Government (and to be implemented via Regional Plans such as Ecan) is likely to result in reduced cow numbers, especially in priority zones.***

6. Would you commit to changing ECan's planning documents to prevent or substantially impede the taking of water from Christchurch's aquifers for export water bottling? ***I share the concern regarding the present bottled water export initiatives. However I also reviewed the overall geoscience of the Chch aquifer systems, water flows and supply, and recharge systems, and from that I understand the issue is not a supply issue as such. Perhaps the issue that Ecan (and Cantabrians) need to address is land use management consents (and the associated transfer of existing extraction rights), and possible ownership of any such water extraction and export (if any)***

7. Please state (in no more than 75 words) what, in your background, your achievements or your world view) qualifies you to represent the people of Canterbury as an elected member of Ecan. ***I have served two terms as Mayor of Hurunui (see my track record on [www.garryjackson.co.nz](http://www.garryjackson.co.nz)), been an active member of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, and am a founding trustee of the Committee for Canterbury, a progressive think tank for the future of Canterbury. I am totally independent of any group, political bloc or economic sector.***

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