

AWA Questionnaire for ECan Candidates

Please follow the format below and write your answer to each question in no more than 50 words unless otherwise stated.

Name:

Ward:

Occupation/role in community:

1. In what ways do you believe that ECan has succeeded in protecting and enhancing our natural environment?

The establishment of the CWMS and the Zone Committees has made significant progress in setting nutrient limits in Canterbury, we are ahead of NZ in many ways. In my role as chair of the Hurunui Zone we have prohibited the damming of main stems of the Hurunui and Waiau Rivers, set development Zones that essential protect significant areas of the Zone. Removed Lake Sumner from the "table" of storage options for the Zone. Implemented the requirement of Audited Farm Environment Plans for intensive landowners as well as promoted the development of Dryland Catchment Groups.

2. In what ways do you believe that Ecan has failed?

I do not consider that ECan has failed there has been significant progress made, progression of environmental issue's requires that ALL parties work towards significant on ground actions, there is still polarized points of view – until the debate turns towards " how do we achieve the actions and how will they be paid for" progress will be slow. There are multiple parties within stakeholder groups that wish to see a new way progress. The NPS for Freshwater background documents recognise and talks of this and the dilemma of solving a "wicked problem".

3. What specific things do you intend to achieve if you are elected to Ecan? List your 3 main priorities.

First priority is to work towards resolution of (2) above the CWMS is a great mechanism for progress it needs to be strengthened and resolve the issue's around NGO's non participation.

Locally, Regionally and Nationally the conversation needs to be steered away from philosophical rights and wrongs posturing to acceptance of a problem we all are responsible for resolving, the issues are too significant and the cost to remediate high only a coordinated approach will resolve the water quality, biodiversity, climate change and related problems.

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)

One main Policy – which is the focus is on delivering outcomes that multiple stake holders can support, to identify major projects of restoration within catchments establish the constraints to remediation then create a pathway to delivery.

Regulation in itself will not deliver the outcomes that are being called for, the RMA review must create a pathway for positive action that supports and enables community multiple stakeholder aspirations.

5. Do you believe we need to reduce cow numbers on the Canterbury Plains, in order to regenerate our waterways and protect our drinking ware supplies?

Possibly yes in some areas in others no, there are actions that can be taken to improve water quality, wetlands, and increased riparian buffers, standoff pads, low N producing stock and other science based actions.

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?

The RMA review process will in my estimation be reviewing issue's such as this I support that review process.

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 am currently the Chair of the Hurunui Waiau Zone Committee, with over 12 years' experience within the Land Use and Water Quality regulatory process understanding the issue's and constraints. I have banking experience at a Rural and Branch level, Victim Support and other Community involvement spanning 25 years, whilst a Dairy Farmer that does not define me. To succeed in any endeavour you need to "see the future first" I believe I have that perspective and bring it to my role's in driving change.