

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.

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Ward: Southern area ECan

Occupation/role in community: Southern Area Territorial Representative on CWMS Regional Committee

1. In what ways do you believe that ECan has succeeded in protecting and enhancing our natural environment?
Aiding and abetting community groups to form and enhance the environment in their own area
2. In what ways do you believe that Ecan has failed?
Ecan has tried to control the full spectrum of land use, resulting in an over complex situation and fatigue, Targeting the hot spots and worst exacerbators and working down to an acceptable level would have had more successful outcomes
3. What specific things do you intend to achieve if you are elected to Ecan? List your 3 main priorities.
 - Moving decision making and policy formation closer to the stakeholder
 - Re set the culture of excesses that exist currently within Ecan
 - Force a closer relationship with central Govt to avoid the disjointed approach between Nation policy statements, Regional Plans and TA, district plans.
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)
Invoke the rules of subsidiarity where by decisions of individual catchments, towns and community of interest have binding decision making authority as to the rules and regulations. Introduce a protocol that requires irrefutable compliance mechanism (at affordable cost) before implemented plan rules. Recognise the rating liability of the ratepayer
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?

There are too many cows in sensitive land areas yes
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?

No. This as a beat up to the extent that the quantity is minimal, there is no pollution. Capturing value is the big question. Remember milk is 99% water

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.

The political landscape is particularly complex right now

I have experience at local regional and national level in organisation from office in local council to chairing an national body in the not for profit arena, but I am grounded in the quality of life in South Canterbury, that is where my heart is and I offer my services to maintain the quality of life for future generations