

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: Owhanga South

Occupation/role in community: Christchurch City Councillor

1. In what ways do you believe that ECan has succeeded in protecting and enhancing our natural environment?
Ecan have significantly improved air quality and have developed a progressive biodiversity policy. They have recently recognised the need for urgent action on Climate Change.

2. In what ways do you believe that Ecan has failed?
Ecan reduced public transport services, ignored the community's call to stop the consents allowing export of our water and Ecan also used their existing legislation to conduct poor consultation on Plan changes 2 and 7 which allows an increase in nitrates but no rights of appeal.

3. What specific things do you intend to achieve if you are elected to Ecan? List your 3 main priorities.
 1. Protect Canterbury's groundwater, rivers and aquifers from pollution and exploitation.
 2. Reduce carbon emissions from agriculture and transport.
 3. Develop our Public Transport system

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)

Work in partnership with central government and Ngai Tahu to protect drinking water, and halt environmental degradation, including nitrate pollution.

Advocate to central government for controls on large extractive water takes, including establishing a Water Conservation Order over Christchurch's aquifer and water catchment. Ensure rules encourage de-intensification, best practice and transition to regenerative agriculture.

Strengthen the Land and Water Plan and CWMS process to provide improved outcomes for water quality and quantity, including allocation.

Clean urban waterways by continuing investment in stormwater filters, wetland plantings, education programmes and community-led initiatives.

Develop a single, accountable lead agency to take a strategic approach to transport planning and management.

Encourage greater use of Public Transport by introducing discounted family and student bus passes.

Investigate and develop a north-west and south-west Rapid Mass Transit corridor network

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?
Yes, by at least 25%

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?
Yes.

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 standing for ECan because our need for environmental action and transport transformation is urgent. I have been a longstanding Community Board Chair, and an elected Christchurch City Councillor for six years, chairing committees on infrastructure, transport, environment, and community development. I have proven experience, knowledge, skills and leadership to work with communities and agencies to strengthen the health of our communities and environment.