

Christchurch City Council
Long Term Plan 2021-2031
ATTACHMENTS UNDER SEPARATE COVER

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145	39742	Chrys	Horn	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment and thank you for putting together this strategy document.</p> <p>While the document is on the right general track in terms of trying to cut emissions and also give direction to future adaptation, I have some reservations about the overall approach of this strategy. I was put off as soon as I read, Our draft climate change strategy is a blueprint for collective action on Page 3. Blueprint became problematic in Planning approaches decades ago. We should not entertain that term. The last thing we need is a blueprint – something set in stone – decided before we begin with little reference to needing to adapt the approach as we learn more about the how, the when and the who. We really need something much more adaptive if we are going to turn the ship around and achieve an actual reduction in Greenhouse gas emissions and if we are to adapt to the change that is already locked in given current lifestyles.</p> <p>Action: Take the word “blueprint” out of the statement on P3 and replace it with something like sets the intention to work with</p> <p>Systems adapt</p> <p>Systems have the bad habit of adapting to stay the same in the face of change if we can't be adaptive. Witness, for example, the way oil prices drop when demand drops when people cut their use of fossil fuels, which then fosters greater demand amongst those who figure they can afford to travel and for whom climate change doesn't seem that important. We see perverse consequences from direct actions all the time in our world, and what seems like a good idea may actually turn out to be problematic because we live in such an interconnected “can of worms” world in which we are constantly met with double binds, paradoxes, and transcontextual blind spots to name a few.</p> <p>The information that we need is often in between – in between contexts, in between different people – it is in the relationships and the minutiae of everyday life as well as in the big picture. As such communities are as much part of strategizing as the council is and many of the moves that we need to make will need the information that they provide and the ideas that they generate.</p> <p>Action: Please keep the focus on working with different communities and if anything strengthen it. I doubt that it is obvious how that might best be done (I don't think this strategy has nailed it yet) but it does need to be done and it also</p>	Yes

			<p>needs an adaptive and experimental approach.</p> <p>Fossil fuel use is connected to EVERYTHING</p> <p>Fossil fuels are the cause of climate change and at the current time they underlie nearly all of our local economy, and are needed for most of our local transport, and indirectly in the provision of the food, housing and work. Having a few “climate change Programmes” is not going to cut it. To actually mean anything, this strategy must connect with everything else that the CCC does and encourage every other agency to do the same. To reduce carbon emissions to Net Zero by 2045, every decision taken by council and by council staff needs to be assessed in light of the emissions that they will create or lead to in the same way that each decision is understood to have financial implications.</p> <p>I see little in this strategy that indicates that this is happening – including the fact that the LTP doesn’t appear to take account of climate change beyond some spending on discrete projects. It is unclear how this document relates to all the other plans and strategies that the Council has. What precedence does it have over other strategies that the CCC has?</p> <p>Actions for Goal 1:</p> <p>Insert a statement about the precedence that this strategy has in relation to other strategies. In my view it needs to be top of the list.</p> <p>Insert a statement to the effect that Climate emissions and climate adaptation must be considered in every decision the CCC makes including all spending.</p> <p>Goal 2 Managing the ongoing impacts of climate change</p> <p>Resilient communities are communities with a lot of connections and yes it helps if there has been some thought about the kinds of issues that we are going to have to address.</p> <p>This does mean NOT cutting back community funding in the LTP and instead considering how it might be increased. Community groups and community connections are really not just a “nice to have”. As we have seen over the last 10 years in Christchurch, they are vital to the way we are able to get up again after being knocked down.</p> <p>Action: Add something in this section about active support for community development and community groups and their contribution to resilience and adaptive capacity.</p>	
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136	39734	Prue	Stringer	<p>I applaud the CCC for declaring a Climate Emergency, and thank you for the draft Climate Strategy.</p> <p>Since Climate Change is the greatest threat to us all, too much talk and delayed action will not suffice.</p> <p>The 4 goals are good, and the 10 programmes are a start, but I see the need for much more urgent action. We need tougher targets, and reduced timelines.</p> <p>Programme 1. The Climate leadership group must make serious and urgent changes to "business as usual". Working in partnerships very important.</p> <p>7. Transport: must be prioritised. Bring forward spending on both active and public transport projects, particularly the cycle ways. Spend on education/behaviour change on these, make them more convenient and appealing. Discourage car driving, eg. make city parking more expensive.</p> <p>Support shared ride and shared vehicle-use programmes.</p> <p>8. Building regulations must require higher efficiency standards, in insulation, water use etc.</p> <p>10. Food system: No more nearby productive agricultural/horticultural land should be built on. Food supplies need to be local, not requiring much transport.</p> <p>Overall, good goals, but much more immediate action needed on the programmes. Spend now !</p> <p>Push for more support from central government, and more local govt decision-making (eg we should NOT have to have a hugely costly stadium). We could put that money into a just transition for all, to a sustainable city that we can all be proud of well into the future.</p>	Yes