

Pre consultation feedback by question

Over the summer staff attended a variety of events and talked to the community asking a series of questions about our key priorities for our upcoming long-term plan (LTP).

Question 1

Provide your feedback on this question 1.

Your input will help us with our long-term planning.

Environment Southland has a range of responsibilities and outcomes it is working towards. Which of these are a priority for you?

Choose up to three priorities ●●● 3 dots for your 1st priority ●● 2 dots for your 2nd priority ● 1 dot for your 3rd priority

Priority	Number of Dots
Well managed pest plants and pest animals	3
Reduced contamination in water bodies - freshwater and estuaries	2
Improved air quality	1
Improved flood protection infrastructure	Many
Appropriate regulations for activities that cause negative environment effects	0

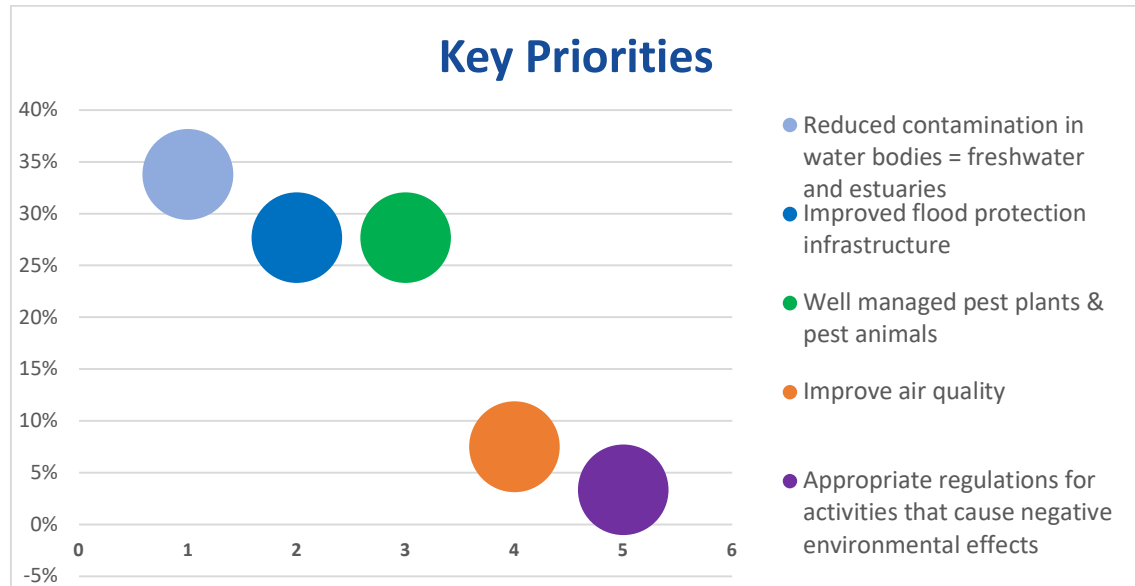
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Investing in Southland 2024-2034 Long-term Plan

Question 1 - ES has a range of responsibilities & outcomes it is working towards. Which is a priority for you?

- 1) Well managed pest plants & pest animals
- 2) Improve Air quality
- 3) Reduced contamination in water bodies = freshwater and estuaries
- 4) Improved flood protection infrastructure =
- 5) Appropriate regulations for activities that cause negative environmental effects

Results

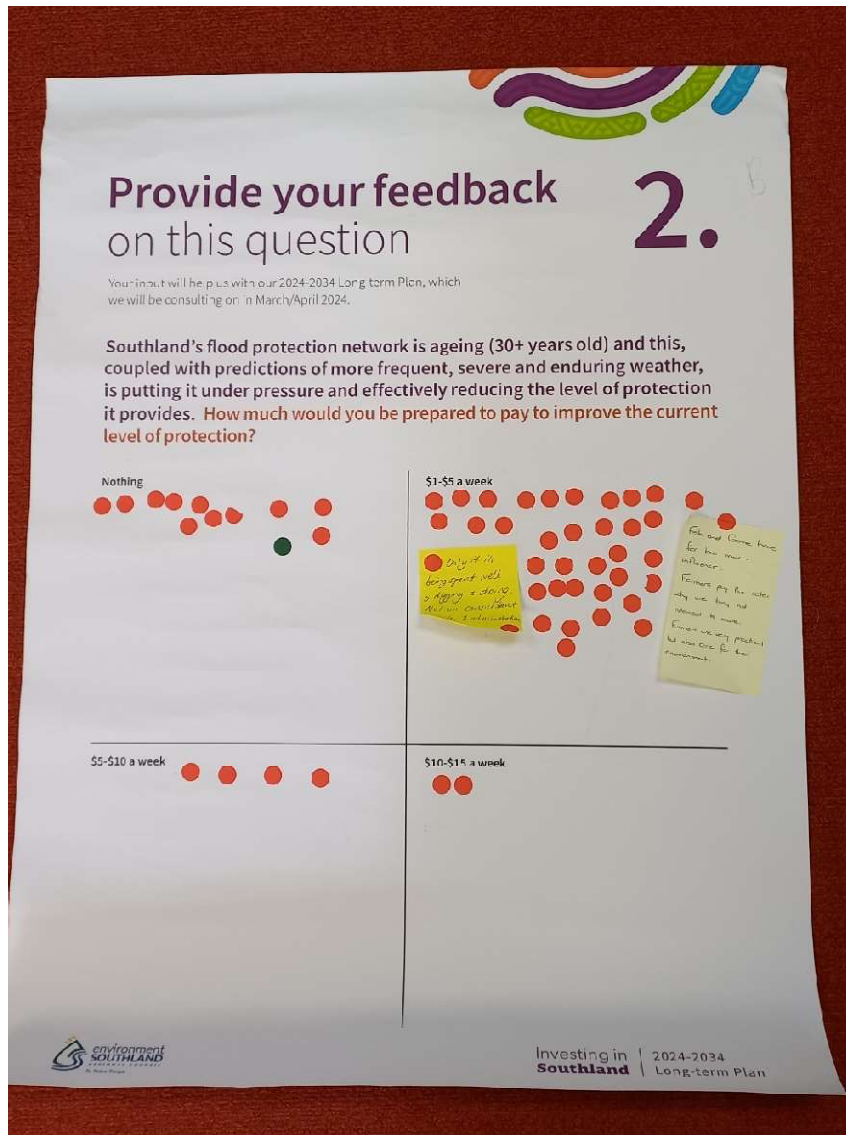
The three most popular priorities are “Reduced contamination in water bodies” followed closely by “Improved flood protection infrastructure” and “well managed pest plants and pest animals”



Verbatim comments

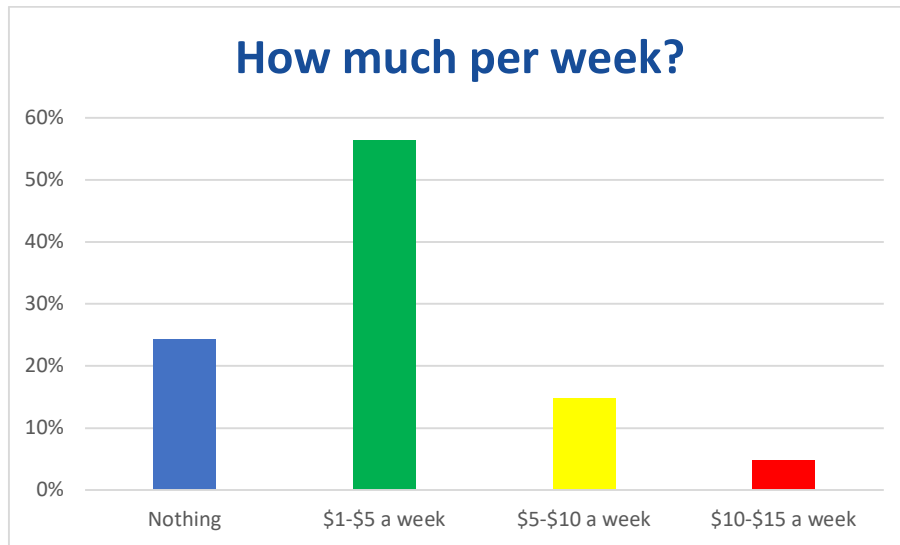
- Possums
- Stoats & possums
- Magpies
- Improved gravel mgmt
- Gravel in rivers used of filtered to utilise for roading purposes
- Gravel
- Need to look at pond retention dams etc as well
- stop cutting down trees
- Less red tape to remove gravel from rivers
- stop burning piles of wood
- make dog parks
- Wyndham consent - wider not higher

Question 2



Question 2 - Southland's flood protection network is ageing (30+ years old) and this, coupled with predictions of more frequent, severe, and enduring weather, is putting it under pressure and effectively reducing the level of protection it provides. How much would you be prepared to pay to improve the current level of protection?

- A. Nothing
- B. \$1-\$5 a week
- C. \$5-\$10 a week
- D. \$10-\$15 a week



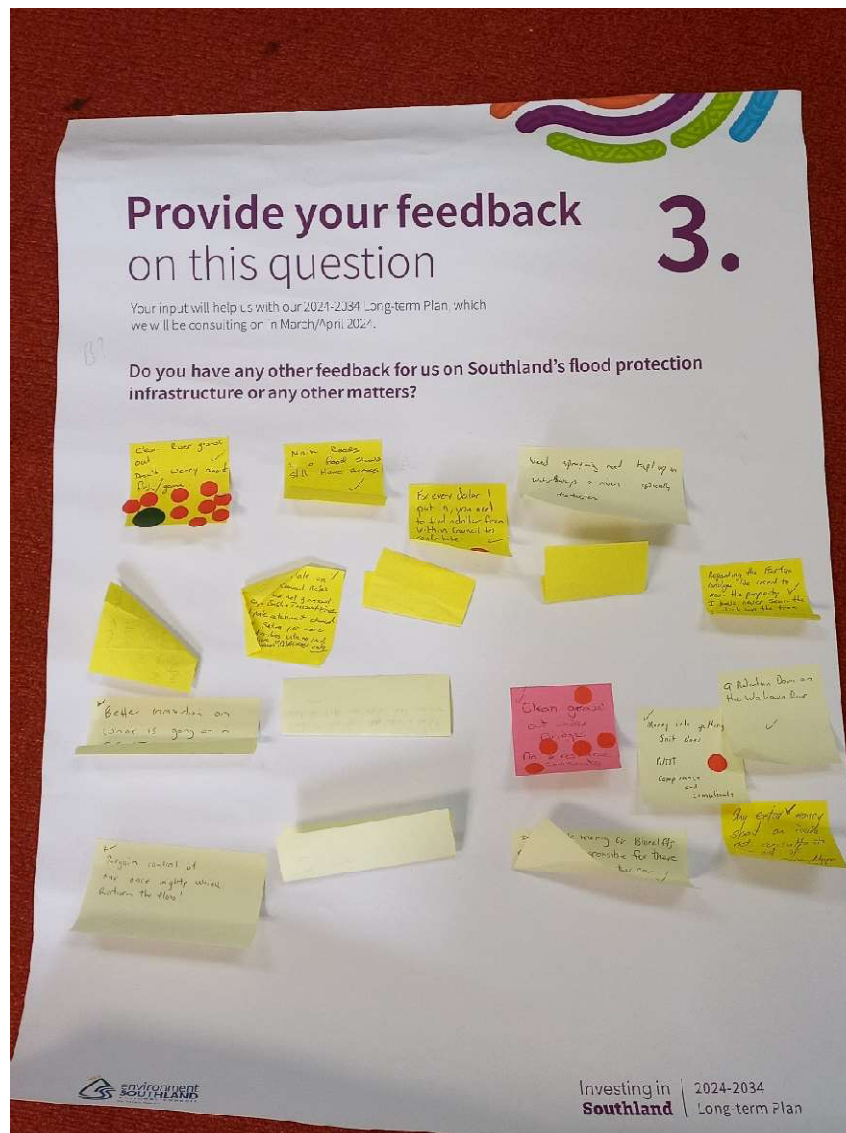
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Feedback showed of the four options the most popular was \$1-\$5 per week which is aligned with what is being proposed within the LTP consultation document.

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- flood response warning system upgrade
- "Inappropriate siting of wind farms
- Southland has enough consented electricity for its consumption
- Our environment is more imp't"
- Encourage facilitate planting of trees and riparian plants
- Flooding/drought in Dec/Jan
- extreme weather, droughts and floods
- Flooding
- Rising sea level
- Make sure that both road and rail access between Bluff & Invercargill is maintained

Question 3



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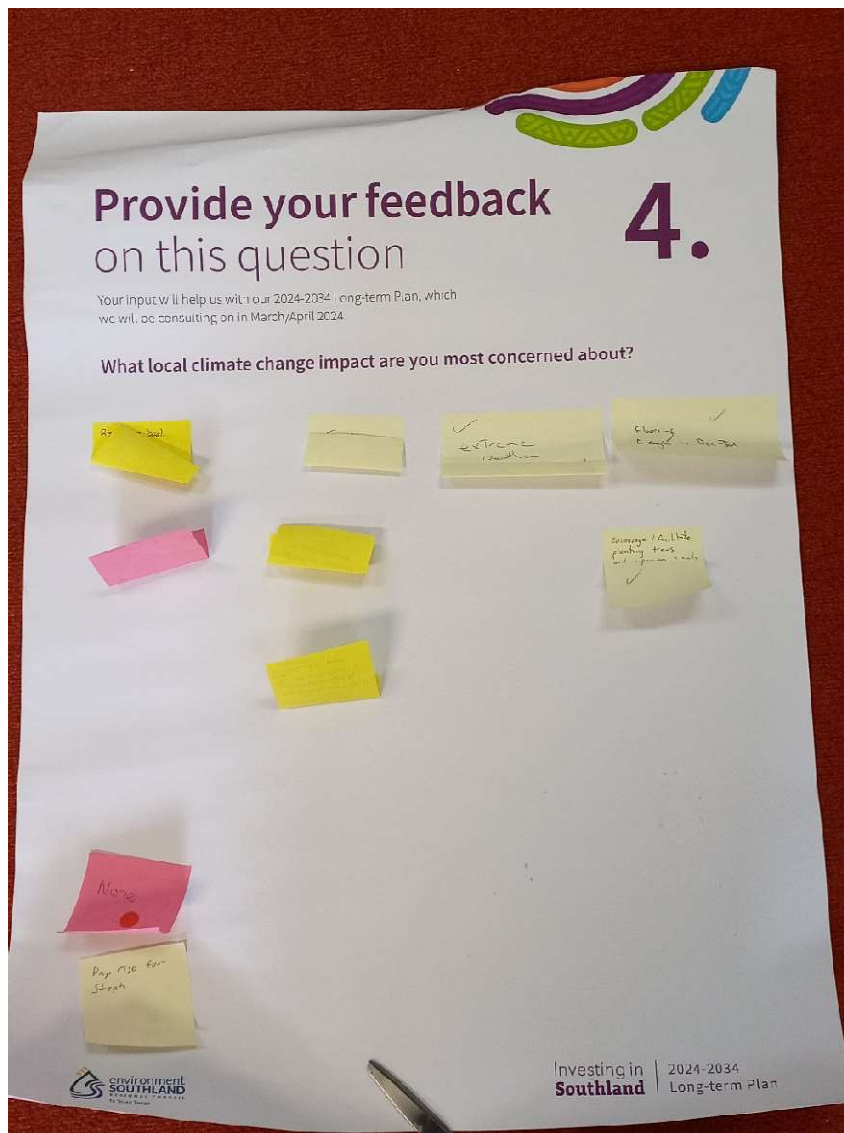
Key themes included gravel, communication, rates, not wasting money and affordability.

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- Regain control of our once mighty Waiau, return the flow!
- Better communication on what is going on in our area, e.g., flooding flood banks
- Remove excess river gravel. Keep rates to no more than the rate of inflation
- Clean river gravel out, don't worry about Fish/game
- Clean river gravel out of river. Fish & game have too much say
- September's flood on the Aparima was a significant local event, the rest of Southland dodged a bullet and I felt we were left on our own
- Exempt rate on regional council rates with land not grazed - e.g., Bush & Tussock free and rate catchment changed too rating per acre regardless with no land values on acreage only general rates
- Main roads in a flood should still have access

- For every \$ I put in, you need to find a \$ from within Council to contribute
- ES should use the gravel in riverbanks as income stream and management of waterflow
- prioritise expenditure on infrastructure
- Don't waste money on Bluecliffs people to be responsible for their own buildings. Weather can change area overnight.
- Clean gravel out under bridges, no resource consents
- Money into getting shit done, not compliance and consultants
- A retention dam on the Waikawa river
- Weed spraying need kept up in waterways & rivers especially headwaters
- Regarding the Fairflax Bridge. We used to own property. I have never seen the rubbish up the trees, damage to the road, Like the last flood pay the farmers to cart away the gravel please.
- Any extra money spent on issue not consultants, get rid of fluffy expenditure, tighten your belt too
- Really keen to hear what the council long-term thinking on climate change is
- I want to pay but can't afford it right now - talking about flood protection
- I would love to pay more but I can't right now
- What is the rationale for cutting willows on the waihopi river right back?

Question 4



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The feedback received focused on flooding and extreme weather, sea level rise, electricity consents & locations of wind farms and encouraging tree planting.

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