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CANTERBURY WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY



In recent years the aquatic health of Canterbury's rivers, streams and aquifers has declined, the supply of water for agriculture has become less reliable, and

cultural and recreational opportunities have reduced. This has led to a loss of trust between the parties involved. The Canterbury Water Management Strategy will

restore trust by integrating planning, regulatory and economic mechanisms to ensure water from new storage is used to:

- Protect and repair the environment.
- Balance economic growth with social and cultural needs.
- Make efficient use of the resources employed.



MISSION/VISION

The objective of the strategy is to enable present and future generations to gain the greatest social, economic, recreational and cultural benefits from Canterbury's water resources within an environmentally sustainable framework.

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- People will feel they are being involved in decision-making, and water allocation decisions will be resolved without resorting to the courts
- There will be audited self-management of water takes and water use, and reduced compliance costs
- Understanding and empathy between rural and urban communities will be increased.

BENEFITS/IMPACT

- Ecosystems and water quality will be progressively restored
- Farmers will have access to reliable water, which will be used efficiently and productively
- Opportunities for recreation and tourism activities will be improved
- There will be an increase in annual regional GDP of \$1.5 billion and 16,000 jobs.

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