



# NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY POLICY FORUM

February 2018

The regional forums Secretariat circulates a summary of key points from meetings of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, Chief Executives Forum and Canterbury Policy Forum for forum members to share with colleagues.

This news page, and meeting papers with confirmed minutes, are published on the Mayoral Forum's website at: [www.canterburymayors.org.nz](http://www.canterburymayors.org.nz)

You are welcome to contact the Secretariat (contact details below) for further information.

## COMING UP

The Mayoral Forum meets on **Friday 2 March**

Corporate / Operations Forums  
**Monday 12 March**

The Policy Forum meets next on **Friday 6 April**

## CANTERBURY POLICY FORUM

The Canterbury Policy Forum met on 2 February 2018 and discussed:

- recent Government developments and what they might mean for Canterbury. This included:
  - implementation of the new Government's first 100-Day plan
  - Minister Parker's visit to Canterbury on 16 January 2018 to view the implementation of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) in the Selwyn-Waihora catchment
  - identifying opportunities for Canterbury regional forums to engage with and influence longer term government policy and initiatives.
- a round table discussion on draft 2018–2028 Long-Term Plans, including key changes, new projects and impact on ratepayers
- continuing previous discussions on addressing the biodiversity challenge, focusing on national-level developments and how to encourage investment opportunities to maximise the 'public good' benefits of biodiversity
- update on CREDS funding and implementation, including an update on the CREDS Regional Transport workstream
- updates from the Canterbury Planning Managers and the new Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement working group.



*The Canterbury Policy Forum meets quarterly and is chaired by Bill Bayfield (Environment Canterbury). Members are Carolyn Johns (Waimate), Hamish Dobbie (Hurunui), David Perenara-O'Connell (Environment Canterbury), Mark Low (Timaru), Mike Roesler (Waitaki), Brendan Anstiss (Christchurch), David Ward (Selwyn), Simon Markham and Geoff Meadows (Waimakariri), Angela Oosthuizen (Kaikōura), Toni Morrison (Mackenzie) and Vincie Billante (Ashburton).*

## The role of the Canterbury Policy Forum

- joint analysis and submissions (one strong Canterbury voice)
- reduce duplication of policy effort (efficient local government)
- implement joint initiatives (collaborate to get better results).

## Contact us

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