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The following letter was received from Ian Cumming, Environment Canterbury, regarding its "Looking Ahead 2000-2008" document:

REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY'S LONG-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

"Environment Canterbury seeks your assistance as we review our current ten year Long-term Financial Strategy (LTFS) "Looking Ahead 1998-2008".

The reviewed LTFS will operate from 1 July 2001 and will cover the following ten year period until 2011. This is the first statutory triennial review since adopting our first LTFS in 1998.

Details of the current LTFS can be found in "Looking Ahead 2000-2008", incorporating feedback from submissions, is expected from the printers in early July and will be mailed to your as soon as it is to hand. Until the final version arrives, you can find all you need to know about our current LTFS in the draft that we sent you earlier, or by looking on our website at www.ecan.govt.nz under "plans and reports". Alternatively, if you would like additional copies of the draft, please call Customer Services on either 365-3828 or toll free on 0800 EC INFO (0800 32 4636).

Your views are important to Environment Canterbury. Your feedback will help us to plot a course for the next ten years.

To assist us in this process, we ask that you complete the questionnaire (see attachment) and return it to us by 4 August in the envelope provided. If you have any questions, please call Neil Pilbrow at the number above, or email to neil.pilbrow@ecan.govt.nz.

We look forward to hearing from you."

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That with input from interested Board members, the Chairperson and Community Advocate return the survey form ensuring that it is consistent with the Board's submission to Environment Canterbury's Annual Plan (see item 29.7).

