


## Submission Form

Please write your comments below and **send your submission by 2 May 2014** to:

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**Tick if you would like to present your submission in person** (hearings will be held during the weeks starting 12 May 2014)

My submission is: \_\_\_\_\_  
The Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust has an interest in thriving Otago biodiversity especially in areas local to Blueskin Bay.

We would like to submit in support of the development of a biodiversity strategy. We would encourage the ORC to involve a diverse group of community representatives, and other key stakeholders in the development of this strategy. As part of the development of this Strategy, Council specifically commit to consultation with private sector organisations, Trusts, and other groups seeking to maintain and enhance biodiversity values.

We also think that, as a crucial step in establishing new areas of biodiversity in those areas where native biodiversity has been severely depleted, a fund should be set up to provide those wishing to plant or protect native biodiversity a kick start.

This could be in the form of a percentage of the total works cost funded by Council or a set lump sum amount. This would be granted only to Council approved proposals similar to the administration of the Honda Tree Fund.

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