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Tick the box if you wish to discuss your submission in person Yes

Your submission

I strongly object to the increase in rates, of 13.7 % over 3 years.

The country's rate of inflation is currently around zero, and I it is unacceptable that the Regional Council is gouging the pockets of ratepayers by increasing its rates by 3 times more than the rate of inflation.

It would appear that almost 50% of Ecan's expenditure is on transport, Greater Christchurch rebuild and urban development.

As stated in your introductory paragraph on TRANSPORT, Christchurch is a city that traditionally favours the use of cars. It is swimming against the tide for Ecan to go on spending money, trying to get people out of cars and into buses. It will not work and it will not happen. Where there are buses available, those who wish to use them will do so. There is currently a very good range of bus services, available to anyone who desires to use a bus. However it is pouring ratepayer money down the drain by spending money trying to get ratepayers out of their cars. And increasing rates to try and achieve this is a futile exercise and a waste of money. Car use is a way of life for most of the population.

What do you want Environment Canterbury to do?
