

Long-Term Plan 2018-28

Feedback form

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We need your input to ensure our Long-Term Plan will deliver the outcomes
the community wants.



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The Long-Term Plan 2018-28 outlines the framework for the types of activities we will undertake from July 2018. It also details the measures that we have put against these activities, and the corresponding financial information, policies and strategies.

Feedback closes at 5pm on Monday 26 March, 2018.

You may send your feedback:

By mail (no stamp required): Freepost 1201, Environment Canterbury, PO Box 345, CHRISTCHURCH 8140.

Online: Use the online form provided on our website www.ecan.govt.nz/haveyoursay. Please follow the online instructions provided.

By email: mailroom@ecan.govt.nz. Ensure your full name and address is included.

Use this form to tell us what you think

By providing feedback you agree that Environment Canterbury may use, and may publish, that feedback, including your name and the contact details you provide.

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(If you wish to meet with Councillors to discuss your submission please also complete Q12.)

The work of Environment Canterbury is reported on under six portfolios as outlined in the draft Long-Term Plan document. Our website outlines many of the areas we work in, in more detail. On this form you are asked for feedback on the activity planned under each portfolio as well as on the entire plan and specifically on the Public Transport options. In the comments section under each portfolio, please tell us what you support/don't support about the planned activity, and if there is anything you would like to see more or less of.

Please view our short Consultation Document and full Long-Term Plan supplementary document on www.ecan.govt.nz.

1. Whole Plan

Support/Oppose

Please select one of the following: (please select one answer)

I generally agree with the activity proposed for the Long-Term Plan.

I generally disagree with the activity proposed for the Long-Term Plan.

Comments:

It is a class document of political double speak, with lots of spin but little substance! As for comments there is hardly any room for any comments: 3 lines at most! - one would need to write the sub mission in short-hand - even then one would run out of space!

2. Public Transport Options

Public Transport is one of the programmes in the Transport and Urban Development portfolio. For the first year of the Long Term Plan 2018-28 we are proposing changes to the Public Transport programme as outlined in the Consultation Document (on page 14)

To make comment on the Public Transport proposed changes please complete the selection panel below. To make comment on the the whole Transport and Urban Development portfolio, please go to Q7.

Options

Please review the options in the Consultation Document and indicate which option you support: (please select one answer)

~~Option 1 - A combination of routes, fares and (targeted) rates changes: small fare and rates increases, reduced Total Mobility subsidy and six routes discontinued.~~

~~Option 2 - As Option 1 but larger rates increase, no fare increase: larger (targeted) rates increase, no fare increase, reduced Total Mobility subsidy and six routes discontinued.~~

~~Option 3 - As Option 1 but larger fare increase, smaller (targeted) rates increase: minimal rates increase, larger fare increase, reduced Total Mobility subsidy and six routes discontinued.~~

Option 4 - none of the above. (Please provide comment/ideas for an alternative solution)

Comments: I find it rather stupid that an alternative option of retaining the 6 supposedly uneconomic bus routes was not even considered!

I find it interesting that some of the "uneconomic bus routes" in fact are serviced by other "economic" bus routes. Some bus routes like 107 & 108 could be combined and the frequency reduced - say alternate days. Bus route 135 is partly covered by the orange line and No 80 bus.

No 145 goes through Bromley cemetery, I do not think any cemetery inhabitants are likely to use the bus.

Also it goes through an industrial area where it is unlikely to pick up passengers.

I suggest that inspectors actually get on the buses regularly to see when and where passengers get on instead of just planning bus routes off a map!

It may also be useful to increase the No of bus transfers per trip, thereby shortening the route, and creating more suburban hubs.

Considering the ageing population who will not be able to drive a car, it may be prudent to find some way of accommodating mobility scooters on a bus - may be more difficult than bikes but not

Impossible!

If your inspectors find it too difficult to travel on Buses to find out where Passengers come from & could ask the bus drivers instead!

I find it rather strange that we have spent mega bucks on fancy new mini-buses, just so that a few months later we can get rid of the bus routes they are used on! does not say much for our planning abilities! - No wonder we were put under Statutory management!

I used to live by Avon Park on Avonside Drive till some Government bureaucrat, probably with some help from our Staff has decided to Red Zone the area - which subsequently proved to be unlawful by the Courts!

It took me three years to find a property I could afford and was suitable i.e. A house on TG2 land, of Permanent materials, on a bus route, near a Supermarket, shopping

corner, so that when I was not allowed to drive a car any longer due to my age (80 years now) I can use the Bus to do the Grocery shopping, go to the Doctor, buy take away food, what ever else! Now he is going to discontinue the No 145 bus! Very helpful

Besides I see the City Council's long term plan, they are intending to increase bus patronage! - Doing away with bus routes is not going to help with that!

Also we could experiment with different bus routes on a temporary basis, to see if it improves profitability!

3. Freshwater Management

See page 6 of the Consultation Document.

Support/Oppose

Please select one of the following: (please select one answer)

I generally agree with the activity proposed for Freshwater Management.

I generally disagree with the activity proposed for Freshwater Management.

Comments:

I would agree with some of it if I knew what it meant. For example what is Good management practice or Canterbury WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY as it relates to the Avon and HEATHCOT RIVERS?

I HAVE LIVED ON AVONSIDE DRIVE BY FROTH PARK SINCE 1925, at that time, mainly young people were able to swim in the RIVER! - including me. I HAVE WATCHED as the Avon and probably the Heathcot even more so has deteriorated to the level of an open SEWER! SINCE THE EARTHQUAKES IT HAS GOTTEN EVEN WORSE, if that is possible! What is more it is now enclosed in ugly GRAVEL "flood protection" banks, THAT DO NOT WORK, AS A COST SAVING MEASURE THE CLAY CORE WAS NOT BUILT and at high tides the RIVER seeps through the bottom of the bank. So all that money spent on building them is WASTED ARE WE MAKING A DIFFERENCE? : No, other than wasting a lot of money.

AS FOR ALL THE VARIOUS REPORTING WITH INCREASE FOCUS ON DATA IN A WAY THAT IS MEANINGFUL TO THE END USER HOPEFULLY THE PUBLIC - IN AN FLAT ENGLISH, NOT SCIENTIFIC SARGON!

6. Air Quality

See page 12 of the Consultation Document.

Support/Oppose

Please select one of the following: (please select one answer)

I generally agree with the activity proposed for Air Quality.

I generally disagree with the activity proposed for Air Quality.

Comments:

I read with interest the Air Quality plan. There is no mention of Air pollution cause by cars, buses, trucks - it is not going to help with air pollution by discontinuing 6 bus routes - thereby forcing more cars onto the road!

The home heating/insulation loans are a good idea, but are the loans interest free? if not what is the interest rate.

7. Transport and Urban Development

See page 13 of the Consultation Document.

Support/Oppose

Please select one of the following: (please select one answer)

I generally agree with the activity proposed for Transport and Urban Development.

I generally disagree with the activity proposed for Transport and Urban Development.

Comments:

A lot must have been asleep for the last few decades! As Rail lines & hipping roots have slowly closed all over the South Island!

When I came to live in Christchurch in the 60's one could travel to Wellington with a ferry from

Littleton to Wellington taking the car with it!

Now one has to fly or drive to Picton! - No passenger Rail either!

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Recently I traveled to Dunedin, and again it was flying or bus - No Rail either!

Now I see we are advocating a freight mode shift from road to rail! & shipping! It would not be too difficult to include a few passenger cars on a freight train, or a few passenger cabins on a ship!

I note with interest that all over the world passenger Rail services, including fast trains are booming - we guys are lagging behind by a few decades!

No mention in our plan of the almost continuous traffic jams on some Christchurch roads! By shutting down 6 bus routes it is not going to improve the congestion problem!

10. Rates

- See page 16 of the Consultation Document.

Support/Oppose

Please select one of the following: *(please select one answer)*

I support the proposed total rates revenue increase of 4.5% for 2018/19.

I do not support the proposed total rates revenue increase of 4.5% for 2018/19.

Comments:

11. Supporting Policies and Strategies

Comments on any other policies or strategies in the full draft Long-Term Plan 2018-28 (see www.ecan.govt.nz).

Comments:

12. Meeting with Councillors to discuss this feedback on the proposed Long-Term Plan (please select one):

- I would like to meet with Councillors in Christchurch
- I would like to meet with Councillors in Timaru
- I do not wish to meet with Councillors

13. Citizens' Panel

In 2018 we will be setting up a 'citizens' panel'. This will enable us to ask for input during the year from a cross section of the community. If you would be willing to be contacted about being part of the panel, please tick the box and provide your email address. Ticking the box now will not commit you to being on the panel.

Please select one of the following:

I am willing to be contacted.

I do not wish to be contacted.

Please write your email address:

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Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback on the draft Long-Term Plan 2018-28.

If you have indicated that you would like to meet with Councillors, please ensure you have given us your contact email and/or phone number. We will be in touch after submissions close on 26 March.

Deliberations take place from 26 March with the final Long-Term Plan 2018-28 being adopted by Council on 21 June 2018.

(If you haven't already please ensure you also have your say on the Long-Term Plan for your local District or City Council).