

**From:** Neil Cookeson  
**To:** Environment Canterbury  
**Subject:** Annual Plan Submission  
**Date:** Monday, 4 March 2019 8:45:16 a.m.

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Neil Cookeson just submitted the survey 'Draft Annual Plan 2019/20 Feedback' with the responses below.

**Draft 2019/20 Annual Plan Feedback**

The work of Environment Canterbury is reported on under six portfolios as outlined in the draft Annual Plan document 2019/20. Our website outlines many of the areas we work in, in more detail. Please give your feedback on the activity planned in the comments section under each portfolio and tell us what you support/don't support about the planned activity.

**I generally support the plan for Regional Leadership**

Yes

**Please provide any comments below**

No Answer

**I generally support the plan for Freshwater Management**

Yes

**Please provide any comments below**

No Answer

**I generally support the plan for Biodiversity and Biosecurity**

Yes

**Please provide any comments below**

No Answer

**I generally support the plan for Hazards, Risk and Resilience**

Yes

**Please provide any comments below**

No Answer

**I generally support the plan for Air Quality**

Yes

**Please provide any comments below**

No Answer

**I generally support the plan for Transport and Urban Development**

Yes

**Please provide any comments below**

No Answer

**Overall feedback on the draft Annual Plan 2019/20**

**I generally support the draft Annual Plan 2019/20**

Yes

**Please provide any comments below**

No Answer

**Fees and Charges Policy**

**I generally support the proposed new charge for non-compliant incident response**

Yes

**Please provide any comments below**

No Answer

**I generally support the proposed new charge for annual water-use data management**

Yes

**Please provide any comments below**

No Answer

**I generally support the changes to the existing schedule of fees and charges**

Yes

**Please provide any comments below**

No Answer

**If you have any additional comments on the Fees and Charges Policy please provide them below.**

No Answer

**Revenue and Financing Policy**

**I generally support the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy to amend the land value/land area split for Regional Targeted Pest Management rates**

Yes

**Please provide any comments below**

No Answer

**I generally support the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy to create a rating area (including the Port Hills) to support the vision for a pest-free Banks Peninsula**

Yes

**Please provide any comments below**

No Answer

**If you have any additional comments on the Revenue and Financing Policy please provide them below.**

No Answer

**Supporting documents**

**Attach any supporting documents (if applicable)**

No Answer

**If you are submitting a video submission, please add your Youtube or Dropbox link in the box below**

No Answer

**Public Hearing**

**I wish to speak to Council on my submission**

No

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**Please provide comments below**

I would like my Ecan rates adjusted to reflect the details below. From: Matthew Surman  
Sent: Friday, 7 December 2018 3:30 p.m. To: Charles DATH  
<Charles.DATH@ecan.govt.nz> Subject: FW: Halswell Drainage Rates  
Hi Charles, The Halswell Drainage District was last reclassified in 1991 using both benefit (generating about 80% of the total income) and exacerbator/contributor factors (about 20% of the total income). The whole of the catchment is rated to varying degrees. The classes and descriptions are as follows: #1623 Class A Maximum drainage benefit, natural ponding

areas &#61623 Class B Very poorly drained soils, direct access to maintained drains  
&#61623 Class C Lesser drainage benefit &#61623 Class D Lowest drainage benefit  
&#61623 Class E Flat land contributing water to the lower catchment &#61623 Class F  
Hill catchment &#61623 Class U1 Tai Tapu &#61623 Class U2 Prebbleton &#61623  
Class U3 Halswell &#61623 Class U4 Halswell Junction Road Industrial area The Class B  
land on this property (in orange below) is gently sloping and is generally well above most  
of the rest of the Class B land in the adjacent part of the district, being generally 10-15m  
above msl (see sketch below). I haven't looked closely (since it's not especially relevant),  
but flood levels will be in the 8-10m range in this area, so I am confident that most of this  
property (apart from the driveway) does not flood from the main river or drainage network  
(however there could be some minor local hill runoff). I'm guessing that the property was  
subdivided from a larger property, which would have had direct access to the drainage  
network, sometime after the classification was drawn up. Class B for the lower part of the  
original property was probably reasonable at the time – it would not have been so precise  
as to have an additional class between the “flat” and the “hill” country. Until 2002, the  
reclassification process was a very involved one, with public notification and hearings  
needed to change a classification, so the practice was not to change classifications unless  
there were significant changes in the district as a whole, and significant support for change  
from the rating district liaison committee, with the costs of reclassification borne by the  
rating district (i.e. the local ratepayers). Since 2002, the process for changing  
classifications is marginally easier, being through submissions to the annual plan. A minor  
adjustment to individual properties can be considered without triggering a district-wide  
reclassification. However, this can only be done for future rates (e.g. 2019/20), not rates  
that have already been struck (e.g. 2018/19). In this case, I would support a reclassification  
of the lower land to a different class, probably to Class F (or possibly Class E, however  
this is typically the low-runoff gravel/sand/loam country around Shands Rd – I think in this  
case, the soil types and runoff rate are likely to be more similar to the hill catchments).  
Class F rates are about 2.5 times Class E rates, reflecting greater runoff from steeper  
country and greater potential impact of development. (A note about the  
exacerbator/contributor factor: as land use intensifies - which often increases runoff and  
makes drainage in the lower lying areas more difficult - the land value also tends to go up,  
which will generate more rates from the same property. In this way, there is a self-  
correcting fairness about the rating method). Slips or likelihood of slipping are not a factor  
in the classification. It also reduces the chance of administrative error if the whole property  
is in a single class. For this to change, the simplest way is for the ratepayer to write a brief  
submission to the next annual plan (submissions are usually open in March) and for it be  
considered formally at that stage – this email could be used as supporting material. In a  
separate process, we have also been considering reclassifying many other properties in the  
catchment as there has been a significant amount of land uses change and subdivision.  
There may be a more widespread reclassification process in the next year or two, however  
we do not have a firm date for its implementation, as it would be best informed by the  
results of the review of the management of the drainage network that is currently  
underway. Regards Matt Surman

### **How did you find out about this consultation?**

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