

Comments

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First name

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Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation? No, I'm submitting as an individual

Are you willing to tell us more about yourself? No

Which age category are you in? -

Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities? No

What do you feel are the significant challenges and opportunities we face?

First home buyers having to face significant home price increases, likely interest increases and now proposed rate increases and water charges.

Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with? Option 2: statutory work and prior commitments

It is important that we hear what you would like to keep in the plan, what you think should be removed, and anything that you think we have missed?

More understanding and awareness of the effect on first home owners of a rates increase in their first year of home ownership

Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:

Water and Land	Unsure
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Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Unsure
Climate Change and Community Resilience	No
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	No
Regional and Strategic Leadership	No

Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on):

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household? Neither option is affordable

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

The proposed rates increase has genuinely made us consider if we have to cancel the purchase of the house we are supposed to be moving into this month. It is unaffordable and unsustainable, particularly in an area with lower pay and less employment opportunity in higher paying fields.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community? No

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Refer to previous comments. This level of rates increase will be detrimental to first home buyers, to spending and to people moving to the region. It is unaffordable and not acceptable to consider in the current economic environment.

Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges? Don't know

Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates? Yes

Any further comments on the use of borrowing for operating expenditure?

As above, further consideration should be given to first home owners in light of increased house prices and lower employment opportunities in the region

Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy? No

Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?

As above.

Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below: Christchurch city including Banks Peninsula

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Kaikoura

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Hurunui

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waimakariri

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Christchurch

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Selwyn

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Ashburton

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Mackenzie

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Timaru

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waimate

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waitaki

Any further comments?

As indicated, serious consideration needs to be given to the affordability of a significant rates increase in the economic environment, particularly as interest rates and house prices start to rise. This is unaffordable, stressful and unfairly targets those of us who have worked years to get into the housing market, and now have to consider how we can afford this on top of everything else.

Do you wish to speak to your submission? No

Would you like to be kept up-to-date with the outcome of this consultation? No

How did you find out about giving feedback? . Environment Canterbury website

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There is personal information/contact details in my submission I do not want disclosed: Yes

Tell us which information you do not want disclosed: Identifying information