

Comments

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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?	
Improving affordability of rates; Cutting red tapes and bureaucracy at the local government level; Lack of accountability for failures by the Council.	
Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?	Other option (please specify)

Status quo or do less so that there is no additional financial burden on rate payers.

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

Water and Land	Yes
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	No

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
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Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community?	No
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Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Rates should only be adjusted based on CPI and average wage increase. Those special interest groups who expect the council to do more should pay for the services themselves rather than expecting everyone else to share the cost

Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges?	No
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Any further comments on Uniform Annual General Charges?

Activities such as Recreational boating safety only benefit specific groups of the community and should not be UAGC.
Increases in Council meetings, Ratepayer servicing, Councillors' remuneration, mileage and expenses are unacceptable as they are already well paid for what they do.
Youth engagement and education is a waste of tax payer money which generate no real benefit.

Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates?	No
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Any further comments on the use of borrowing for operating expenditure?

If you cannot afford something, don't do it.

Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy?	No
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Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below:	Selwyn district
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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

Do you wish to speak to your submission? No

Would you like to be kept up-to-date with the outcome of this consultation? Yes

How did you find out about giving feedback? . Newspaper

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