

## 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?**

balancing your functions with the impacts Covid has had on the income of communities.

**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?**

Transforming public transport should be in a holding pattern until Covid has less impact and communities are able to support its growth again with increased rates contributions. The new ticketing system needs to be accelerated and accompanied by a new fare structure that equitably charges fares based on distance. This, along with slow travel times are the biggest barriers to patronage growth.

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

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

**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?** Option 2 is affordable

**Any further comments on affordability for your household?**

There have been no income increases in my household in the last year so any increases in your rates is a reduction in my discretionary spending and ability to support the local economy.

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

**Any further comments on affordability for the community?**

I am fortunate that I have to incomes in relatively secure sectors. Many households are in a much worse position.

**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?**

Appropriate to use borrowing for essential activities to get us through Covid in better shape.

**Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy?** Don't know

**Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?**

User pays should be maximised as a general rule.

**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?**

Your documentation is very hard to navigate. E.g. very hard to see what programme is driving rates increases. A simple statement saying which activities are driving the 24.5% rates increase would have been helpful

**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?** . Email

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**There is personal information/contact details in my submission I do not want disclosed:** No