

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? Yes

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?

I think the flat rate charges are a poorly thought out idea that disadvantages those on the lower end of the housing market and unfairly targets first home buyers who are already facing steep challenges getting on the property ladder. By keeping rates based as percentages of house price we are able to proportion the increases in a way that doesn't discriminate against home owners in the lower bracket and allows those with higher house prices (and likely higher incomes) to contribute in a meaningful way.

I also believe the council needs to consider hiring full time employees instead of engaging with contracting companies that charge exorbitant fees. There is a huge disconnect especially with road works projects that see the same companies completing work separately that could have been achieved more efficiently had they been council employees with more oversight with stricter project management. We know we need the workers so it makes no sense for us as rate payers to foot a higher bill for subcontracting work out instead of saving money by thinking long term and employing full time staff.

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

Water and Land	Yes
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Yes
Climate Change and Community Resilience	Yes
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	Yes
Regional and Strategic Leadership	Yes

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?

There is no link so I am unable to answer these questions based on my own rates.

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

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

Any further comments on Uniform Annual General Charges?

Discriminates against first home buyers, would like this to be removed from the plan.

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

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

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

Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality

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? Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)

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