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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? Yes

Which age category are you in? 40-64 years old

Which suburb or area do you live 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?

Why be the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff with your water recharge scheme. Reduce the removal of water from the aquifer in the first place!! Review all waters consents reduce or remove consents. The environment has spent millions of years working out how everything works in equilibrium, now with your water allocations the balance is completely altered. Farming practices should work in harmony with nature not completely alter it. You could dairy farm on the moon if you threw enough resources at it but it doesn't mean its right to do it!!

Secondly, why is there such an obsession with exotic trees. Make it so all projects / plantings (even on farms) / new sub divisions etc are only allowed to plant native trees (mostly endemic to the area). The council and Ecan need to be leaders in this area- get rid of poplars, willows, pines etc. Tree lucerne which has been used as stock feed is one of the worst, it's everywhere and it's incredibly hard to eradicate. - ban these and other exotic trees and force people to use native alternatives. Look around the Canterbury plains and you'll be hard pushed to see native vegetation. How can we expect to encourage native birds to flourish when there's no native bush.

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?

As well as stopping all exotic tree planing and replacing exotics with native as able.
Put a cost on using water - it is the one resource that all living species require.
Make Urban and Rural users pay for their water and encourage thoughtfulness and care with water use. That includes any water taken from aquifers - water bottling plants etc farmers using irrigators etc.

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 1 is affordable

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community? Yes

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

People need to suck it up and budget better

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

If there was a water charge then you would generate extra income from water usage as well as reduce water wastage

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?

Our current farming practices could be change with one simple law to stop production and sale of synthetic carpet - thus causing sheep farming and the whole wool industry to flourish again which would be a much better outcome for the Canterbury plains

Do you wish to speak to your submission? No

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