

## 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? Yes

Which age category are you in?

Which suburb or area do you live 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? Other option (please specify)

There is an opportunity for ECan to undo the calamity that the Central Plains scheme has wrought and reorganise the way that water is allocated and funded. Perhaps the agricultural sector should stop the terraforming and adopt less water intensive practices. Redirect river flows from storage dams back to the ecosystem and make the sector pay for the water it takes and profits from instead of ratepayers subsidising their profit.

**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 above. It seems that water quality has declined as more and more has been taken by the agricultural sector to profit from and now ratepayers have to pay to for ECan to try and repair the damage done.

**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):** . Water and Land

**Water and Land portfolio comments:**

I am generally unhappy with the fact that in summer there are no clean rivers in which to take my children to swim in. I never thought I would see that day come. What I have seen is a small group profiting from massive water use and now see people like me and my family paying (in our inability to enjoy the rivers) for others to profit from taking all the water, and paying more in rates to try and remedy the situation at the same time that more and more water is being taken and used for dairy.

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

**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?** Yes

**Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates?** Don't know

**Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy?** Yes

**Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below:**

**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  
Other initiative/s (please specify)

**Other initiative/s (please specify) Christchurch**

Charge the agriculture and dairy sectors for their massive water use

**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?**

Overall I am pretty disappointed in the management of Canterbury's water resources. As already mentioned it feels like a double blow with missing out on being able to swim in Canterbury rivers with my children due to poor and unsafe water quality, while now having to pay a large rates increase to undo the damage done by water intensive agricultural and dairy practices while they continue to profit from it.

**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?** . Other (please specify)

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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:** Any personal information