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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? Rangiora, Rangiora

Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities? No

What do you feel are the significant challenges and opportunities we face?

Not to be confused with pollution, Its 21 years since the AGW global warming climate change plan was launched. The oceans have not risen and the poles are not ice free and all the other things we were warned of, did not and have not happened.

Sea levels have been monitored by the Australian govt at Fort Denison in Sydney, since 1914. Since then we have seen a meagre 37 mm rise !! .

Annual bush fires in Australia (which are a natural and important part of the eco system), have only been worsened by the failure to back burn dead bush and put in fire breaks around housing developments etc, due to flawed environmental policies.

Bottom line is AGW CO2 (= < 0.04% of the atmosphere) has virtually no bearing on climate. It does not rise up and create a greenhouse gas, all it does is feed plant life. Like Covid, (which has a fatality rate of <1% and even less if people were allowed the now highly effective therapeutic treatments proven to work) there is a fear based political agenda in play, which should not be used to determine govt policy and expenditure on useless wasteful projects that do not bring benefit to the people as a whole.

The truth is, we have now entered a deep solar minimum period which is driving the climate colder. We must prepare for this. The northern hemisphere has just experienced winter conditions not seen since the mini ice age. Parts of the Thames in London even froze for the first time in 60 years and wind turbines ground to halt throughout parts of Europe and the US as they froze up or stalled with long periods of no wind. Solar panels stopped working as they were blanketed in snow and so on.

We are also now seeing a large increase in seismic activity along the ring of fire, which is signifying a high probability of a rise in earthquakes and volcanic activity.

All these events are impacting food production in many parts of the world and will continue to do so as growing seasons are hampered and crops fail and that's before you take into account the supply chain problems brought about by covid, which has further exacerbated the problem.

NZ could become the Norway of the Southern Hemisphere. So what should we do.

- Natural gas is one the most efficient and clean sources of energy, that we have in an abundance. (Did you know that the gas naturally occurring from the coals seams in Queensland alone, is enough to provide Australia with all its energy needs, for the next 500 years ! and thats also taking into account population growth) Natural gas cleaned up the skies of Northern Europe in the 70's and is now doing the same to the skies over China, as they migrate from unscrubbed coal to LNG.

Here in NZ, we re potentially sitting on one of the biggest gas fields in the world "The Great South Basin" . The govt however has banned all future exploration and now even talking about banning the very use of natural gas. This is absolute insanity.

- Natural gas in addition to its clean burning energy output, can be converted into Petrol, Diesel and DME etc. We should develop our own supply of gas and build our own small refineries to remove our dependency on importing refined products from overseas. The South Island is totally dependent on refined products imported through Lyttelton or trucked down from Marsden point. One big quake effecting our infrastructure and we know what happens.

- NZ should migrate its wasted AGW climate change budgets over to fighting real issues like pollution and addressing the housing shortage and the growing poverty levels in the country.

- Cleaner rivers and reliable water supplies.

- Encourage and incentivise the growing of food that can be exported and ban the sale of our farmlands to China.

- Support to farmers to reduce dependency on Nitrates and over irrigation. This may mean diversification for some to produce products more suited to the natural conditions of the land they own, like a return to more sheep or crops etc.

- Electric vehicles have a place for certain urban commuting etc, but the reality is, the environmental impact to mine, produce and supply the materials needed to manufacture the sheer magnitude of batteries projected, far surpasses that of fossil fuels and thats before you run the numbers on the grid requirements to charge them. Remember your physics class, You can neither create nor destroy energy. Everything is a transfer and power has to come from a source that renewables will never keep up with. NZ is in a unique situation, where we have some hydro (as long as the rivers dont freeze up) and some GT, which helps act as a back bone, but we must have natural gas as a stable source to back up the fragile renewable system.

Concerned Citizen

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

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

Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on): . Climate Change and Community Resilience

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

As per my comments further up.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

Semi retired and living off savings.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

There needs to be a freeze on all rates for at least two years. With interest rates at zero, inflation on the rise and many jobs and businesses lost and failed or failing, the community needs chance to find their feet and recover.

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

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? No

Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?

The costs are helping kill projects and development.

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

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? No

How did you find out about giving feedback? . Postcard

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