

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?	40-64 years old
Which suburb or area do you live in?	
Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?	Don't know
Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?	Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives
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?	
<p>ECan has systemically failed in enforcing existing regulation on land and water use in Canterbury. The legitimate fines extracted from infringers should cover much of the current funding shortfall.</p> <p>The presentation of the current plan presented in ECAN's PDF is not the sort of thing that 99% of Cantabrians would understand even if they could be bothered to sit down and read it. It looks a lot like a "dazzle them with figures and graphs and hope they vote to 'trust us'" type exercise to me.</p>	
Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:	
Water and Land	No

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

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
- . Biodiversity and Biosecurity
- . Climate Change and Community Resilience
- . Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
- . Regional and Strategic Leadership

Water and Land portfolio comments:

Enforce your existing regulatory legislation, transparently and with the full weight of the Ia, because this is the reason the council exists and it has consistently failed to achieve this. Do not over-allocate any resources as this is inherently unsustainable.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

Enforce your existing regulatory legislation, transparently and with the full weight of the Ia, because this is the reason the council exists and it has consistently failed to achieve this.

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

Enforce your existing regulatory legislation, transparently and with the full weight of the Ia, because this is the reason the council exists and it has consistently failed to achieve this. Declaring a climate emergency requires a fundamental change to the status quo. The biggest polluters are well known. There's no point in "protecting the economy" if the lobbyist's business models are entirely unsustainable. Let them die if they cannot meet the current regulatory requirements. Ensure that all of your enforcement - and their lobbying - is entirely transparent to the people of Canterbury (as is your moral obligation).

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

Enforce your existing regulatory legislation, transparently and with the full weight of the Ia, because this is the reason the council exists and it has consistently failed to achieve this.

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

Be a leader. Affect the economy in favour of sustainable land and water use. Tell the lobbyists to get bent. That's how you show regional and strategic leadership. Stop failing to meet your organisation's moral and ethical duties as an enforcer of environmental regulation. Stop failing to manage "big ag" and multinational corporate interests. Tell them to get lost if they can't comply.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household? Option 1 is affordable

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

You shouldn't need more money to do what you (as an organisation) have failed to do for at least a generation: enforce regional environmental regulations. Get it done or bow out and accept that you, like EQC, are entirely unfit for purpose.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community? Don't know

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? No

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

Fine long-term regulatory infringers to force them to bear the real cost to society of their unsustainable practices.

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

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
- . Other initiative/s (please specify)

Other initiative/s (please specify) Christchurch

Investment in securing regional rail corridors. Create regional cycle and walking tracks/right-of-ways to ensure non-motorised routes to travel around the region. Use those with community service sentences to do gardening of public spaces rather than overusing pine-oil-based herbicides which are having an untold impact on native fauna and the biodiversity you're charged with preserving (but failing to do so). Stop spending IT budget on US multinationals like Microsoft, PeopleSoft, Salesforce, and Oracle, and instead invest in NZ-based businesses to provide software as per this: <https://davelane.nz/procurement>

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?

Use open technologies, supplied by NZ-based suppliers, first. Use foreign technology platforms second, if at all. Otherwise, ECan is actively contributing to the colonisation of NZ by US IT corporate interests.

if you would like to give feedback via video, add a link to a downloadable YouTube clip or Dropbox file below

Why not provide an option for an NZ-based technology option? Not good enough.

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?

. Word of mouth

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There is personal information/contact details in my submission I do not want disclosed:

No