

## Comments

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<b>Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?</b>	No, I'm submitting as an individual
<b>Are you willing to tell us more about yourself?</b>	Yes
<b>Which age category are you in?</b>	Don't want to say
<b>Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?</b>	Yes
<b>Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?</b>	Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives
<b>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?</b>	
<p>Too much emphasis has been put on providing an efficient public transport system as a means of addressing climate change. Our current public transport system is broken - it does not work. The Timaru pilot scheme may help, but won't change driver behaviour to any real extent. I would rather we spend the money on reducing agricultural methane emissions and improving carbon sinks such as wetlands and native forest.</p>	
<b>Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:</b>	
<b>Water and Land</b>	Yes
<b>Biodiversity and Biosecurity</b>	Yes

<b>Climate Change and Community Resilience</b>	No
<b>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</b>	No
<b>Regional and Strategic Leadership</b>	Yes

<b>Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on):</b>	. Water and Land
	. Biodiversity and Biosecurity
	. Climate Change and Community Resilience
	. Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development

**Water and Land portfolio comments:**

I fully support better enforcement of much stricter limits on nitrate leaching, but with greater support for farmers to achieve compliance.

**Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:**

\$1m allocated to community conservation projects is insignificant. It is a pittance, and won't realise any real benefits. Money would be better spent on improving the capacity and cost of supply of native tree saplings for community planting groups.

**Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:**

I would rather we spend the money allocated to public transport on reducing agricultural methane emissions and improving carbon sinks such as wetlands and native forest.

**Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:**

I support the air quality and urban development strategies, and think the Timaru public transport experiment might work in the rest of Canterbury, but would rather spend the money allocated to public transport on other areas.

**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?** No

**Any further comments on affordability for the community?**

A 24% increase in the first year will not be affordable for a large proportion of the community. I think we should borrow the money to kick-start the strategy and reduce the burden in the first year, then spread the increase evenly across the 10 years.

**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?**

I support a general rate charged at a fixed amount for every property regardless of the property value, i.e. as a UAGC, but I think we should borrow the money to kick-start the strategy and reduce the burden in the first year, then spread the increase evenly across the 10 years.

<b>Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates?</b>	Yes
<b>Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy?</b>	Yes
<b>Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below:</b>	Christchurch city including Banks Peninsula
<b>Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Kaikoura</b>	
<b>Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Hurunui</b>	
<b>Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waimakariri</b>	
<b>Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Christchurch</b>	. On-demand public transport services . Other initiative/s (please specify)
<b>Other initiative/s (please specify) Christchurch</b>	
Native forest restoration on the Port Hills	
<b>Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Selwyn</b>	
<b>Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Ashburton</b>	
<b>Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Mackenzie</b>	
<b>Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Timaru</b>	
<b>Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waimate</b>	
<b>Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waitaki</b>	
<b>Do you wish to speak to your submission?</b>	No
<b>Would you like to be kept up-to-date with the outcome of this consultation?</b>	Yes

**How did you find out about giving feedback?** . Email

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