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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?

The overwhelming feature of the city is more and more infrastructure and less and less natural environment. The main 'product' of the council seems to be concrete and tar seal. And almost every new house gets resource consent to cover >51% of the section, and there are more and more motorways. Economic progress that replaces the natural world in the face of impending ecological disaster is set to ruin my children's and grandchildren's lives. When the earth starts to seriously heat up in a few years' time, all that tar seal and concrete is going to make this city intolerably hot. We have not got our thinking caps on yet. We need to be halting use of private cars and making low emission public transport mandatory. Most adults have their heads in the sand over this so I think the council would be better to consult with a bunch of twelve year olds, they'll be a lot more sensible and forward

thinking. We also need to urgently find someone to invent a roading and pavement surface that doesn't absorb heat like tar seal does.

Other things:

- 1) The elevated motorway overbridges are very noisy, my once peaceful suburb of Halswell is now constant motorway noise 24/7.
- 2) The overbridge from Halswell to Wigram on Dunbars Rd blocks the view of the sparkling Southern Alps against a blue sky, which was the only view you get living on the flat in Oaklands. I can't be the only person who needs see beauty to feel like there is a reason to get up each day.
- 3) We need our public parks covered in spreading trees, not big open areas of grass. The swimming pool at Halswell needs a decent sized shade sail, sunburn is a melanoma risk. Every public park and pool in Christchurch needs shade too, we need to plant out our parks with spreading trees, it will soon be too hot for kids to play outside if there are no trees to shade them. It's ten degrees cooler in the shade.
- 4) Every NZ city needs a predator-proof bird nursery like Zealandia in Wellington to supply the local area with indigenous birds.
- 5) We need dedicated wetlands and wild spaces for animals to live in peacefully, not doubling as recreational areas for people to jog in and walk their dogs, and thus chase all the animals away. We need to plan to control or restrict cats in Aotearoa. Cats are the natural enemies of our main kinds of indigenous animals.
- 6) We need more park rangers in summer to patrol wilderness spaces eg Port Hills to deter people from setting fires.
- 7) We need to be a lot braver and spend more money on this, like people do in Scandinavia and Germany. Short term thinking and saving a buck is how the world got into this climate change mess in the first place.
- 8) Poor people need to be protected against rates increases and when I say poor people these days that is probably 50% of the population because the rent doubled overnight after the earthquakes, and average and poor families have been on the back foot since. So we need to protect the poor from further housing costs they can't afford.
- 9) Something else will need to be chopped from the public budget, and it is probably something dear to the heart of some sterling public servants who have made big contributions in the past. However, some of the people minimising climate change will not be around to see the suffering it will cause, and others have enough wealth to buffer themselves against its worst effects. So in my opinion our society needs to prioritise our children's and grandchildren's survival over other shorter term considerations.

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	Unsure
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):

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?

We actually don't have a choice. If we don't do more to halt climate change we will pay far far more in the future. If there is no money it has to be chopped from somewhere else.

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? Don't know

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

My family has a high income so I'm not the best person to ask about what is affordable for the average family.

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 . On-demand public transport services

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? 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