

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

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? 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?

Focus on Freshwater action, biodiversity especially endemic species protection. Enforcement of legal protections e.g. 4 wheel drive drivers deliberate killing of black billed gulls in Ashley river. Remove spending on flood protection especially as relates to Corporate Dairy farm paddocks along our braided rivers-allow the natural channels to spread and remove the private acquisition of public river areas e.g Rangitata river

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):	. Water and Land
	. Biodiversity and Biosecurity
	. Climate Change and Community Resilience

Water and Land portfolio comments:

Concerned Tax and Rate payers are paying for the majority of the clear up of water quality. Corporate Dairy farms are still gaining "surprising" positive results at Global auctions. As the Corporate farms have been supported by central government through not having to factor in their destruction of water ways, nitrate levels in soils and now fencing and riparian plantings will be done by Jobs for nature, Covid monies. If Ecan borrow to fund this then ironically the people who may develop bowel cancer will also have to pay for the clean up of the very nitrates that may be a factor in their health outcomes.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

Prosecution and enforcement of the protection of our rapidly declining endemic species is an essential part of Ecan role. Continual and deliberate flouting of rules around harassment and killing of endemic species must be stopped. There needs to be more enforcement officers and support to take persons responsible to court. The killing of black billed gulls in Ashley river has continued every year despite hundreds of volunteer hours and community buy into the braided river birds. Time to make an example in order to send a strong message that these species are valued.

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

Wetlands are so important to protect our ecology and long term survival. Moving back from wetlands and coastal areas must begin. Some areas are already showing clear impacts creating buffer zones and highlighting this to public is essential role of Ecan. Those private areas that were once wetlands and have been drained in recent decades will need to be opened not have public monies spent on dykes, stop banks, drains etc. Large expensive engineering projects may not be the solution.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household?	Neither option is affordable
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Any further comments on affordability for your household?

Limited income as we faced retirement

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community?	Don't know
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Any further comments on affordability for the community?

some sections may be able to afford this but have reluctance to pay.

Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges?	Don't know
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Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates?	No
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Any further comments on the use of borrowing for operating expenditure?

think asking future ratepayers to pay for mess created in last 10 years is unfair.

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: 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

Any further comments?

Plant native species only in replanting programs as pine trees are not good for drought and fire risk.
Predator control important but not all projects are successful use of money, Make sure you are getting good value and keeping pests away for good not just when the money is there- be strategic.

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: Yes

Tell us which information you do not want disclosed: my surname and email