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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? 65+ 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?

The plan is fine

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 Yes

Regional and Strategic Leadership Yes

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
Climate Change and Community Resilience

Water and Land portfolio comments:

This has apparently always been a focus, but it could easily be argued that it has been the greatest failure of Ecan, given the status of both land and water. I expect a greater commitment to this area.

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

Probably the greatest test of our society. Effects are noticeable now, and have been forecast for years. Plans and predictions are all very well, but actual steps to mitigate the effects are what is needed, and quickly.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

There is no choice. We have to pay somehow for our protection. This should have begun long before now, when Ecan was formed. An opportunity may have been wasted by focussing on the wrong issues.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community? Yes

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Paying for our community is part of the price of living here. Those who can afford the most should pay the most. There should be no inequities, like taking on existing water consents for minimal expense, and then profiting largely from them. In fact, all resource consents should expire when the resource is sold, or after a time period. The environment doesn't exist in perpetuity, and neither should resources to use it.

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? Yes

Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy? Yes

Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?

Costs should be reasonable and transparent, and not a charge for someone just doing their job. We already pay their wages, and shouldn't have to do it twice.

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

Should we continue investing in MyWay by Metro, Timaru's on-demand public transport service, after the trial period is completed? Yes

Any further comments on MyWay by Metro? Yes

I disagree with aquifer recharge. It is simply moving the same water around, and it has to come from somewhere. We need to manage with what we get, and if the land use requires water that isn't available then that use is wrong.

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 good advice and avoid vested interests!

Do you wish to speak to your submission? Yes

We may use your phone number to contact you to arrange attendance at a hearing. This information will be kept private.

Phone number

Would you like to be kept up-to-date with the outcome of this consultation? Yes

How did you find out about giving feedback? . Postcard

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