

## 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?** No

#### What do you feel are the significant challenges and opportunities we face?

having to deal with the incompetence of Ecan staff. We have a rating district on the Rakaia River and trying to get Ecan staff to do practical solutions is almost impossible. As Bill Bayfield said to me ' Do you think you can convince them' .

The environmental challenges are blown out of proportion. There are small areas that can be changed . There is so much hype today about the planet falling apart which is quite absurd . This world has been here for a long time and isn't about to crumble over night otherwise it wouldn't currently exist. There are inbuilt systems to balance changes that occur.

**Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?** Other option (please specify)

If Ecan was operated more efficiently the rates could be decreased and more work done. There is too much time spent on useless meetings and shuffling pieces of paper. A Craig Norgate overhaul such as occurred with Fonterra would be a good starting point.

**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?**

Remove the draconian way you intend dealing with farmers who happen to create a little mud due to factors outside their control such as prolonged rainfall.  
We do not live in an idealistic world where everything is covered in flowers and the rainfall happens just when we need it.

**Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:**

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

**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?** Neither option is affordable

**Any further comments on affordability for your household?**

It is a total disgrace the way that Ecan rates have escalated during the past several years and you are now proposing a massive 24% increase on top of the past increases. My District Council rates for 20/21 are \$2,307.12 and Ecan rates \$1572.24. it was only a few years ago that that the Ecan portion was approximately 15% of the district council rate. You are incompetent thieves .  
The local councils are so embarrassed about Ecan level of rates that they are proposing that Ecan provide their own rates collection agency.

**Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community?** No

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

Efficiency in Ecan . You cannot keep taxing the community to achieve some idealistic outcome of a few green sandal wearing individuals .

**Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges?** No

**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?**

Borrowing is going to cost the rate payers more in the long term. Just scale back your idealistic objectives and work within a realistic budget.

**Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?**

You do like to word the questions to provide an outcome consistent with what your objective is.

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

**The Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge is a pilot of environmental infrastructure to address water quality. To continue enhancing this infrastructure, the project would require ongoing targeted rates from the Ashburton district. Find out more [link]. Do you want to see this project continue?** No

**Any further comments on Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge? No**

I assume that recharge is to dilute the nitrogen level in the underground aquifer by sending excess surface water into the aquifer. What has changed?

There is still the same quantity of nitrogen in the water and there is the possibility of adding other foreign bodies into the aquifer which won't be known for several years to come.

**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?**

There is a limit that you can keep on taxing the community. Have you pursued other alternatives to achieve a similar environmental outcome?

**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?** . Other (please specify)

*Your information is held and administered by Environment Canterbury in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and Environment Canterbury's Privacy Policy.*

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