

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?	Water quality, both for rivers/lakes and aquifers
Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?	Other option (please specify)

The plan for transport is very wrong. Canterbury is not setup for the traditional public transport solutions and there is no initiative to find solutions that will work. The very low uptake of public transport in the greater Christchurch area is not a cost issue but viability due to much extended travel times. For water quality and environmental impacts, more consultation with dairy owners is required including accepting that having cows in a shed / controlled environment is actually a good thing. Learn from overseas, NZ is not unique even if we like to think so.

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 current public transport plan as it is not suitable for Canterbury. We do not have the density of Auckland or Wellington and need different public transport options. The current plan is cost prohibitive, unattractive and an environmental disaster as heavy polluting busses drive around with on average less than 5 occupants.

Investigate how you can provide targeted and more agile solutions with a low environmental footprint. On demand transport may be a viable option at some locations but also rideshare services. Keeping in mind that in order to get some-one out of their car and into public transport it must be viable timewise. If a commute changes from 40 minutes to 125 minutes it is not acceptable, even if the bus fare is free. Time is also money.

And finally, if a user like us, do not have viable public transport, don't charge us for it.

For the protection of our waterways and aquifers, there needs to be more open conversation with dairy owners and learn from overseas solutions.

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	No
Regional and Strategic Leadership	No

Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on):	.	Climate Change and Community Resilience
	.	Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
	.	Regional and Strategic Leadership

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

Make the plan more actionable and less about committees, rules and regulations.

Focus more on actually reducing emissions and pollution rather than planting trees to offset emissions.

Listen to communities and alternative solutions.

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

Only implement environmentally sustainable transport systems that are viable for the users. Mass transit will never work in Canterbury as we are too far spaced out so focus on agile solutions and on demand systems that are directed towards industrial areas where people work rather than central city. Provide more focus on cycling as a means of commuter transport with better cycle ways especially coming from the wider Christchurch area into the city towards industrial areas. Provide e-bike charging facilities

Provide factual information about the cause of air pollution and address these causes. Provide support schemes for low income families if they have to implement changes to address their air pollution.

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

Give more influence to the regions and key industry players and remove the overpowering impact of Christchurch. Be a facilitator to drive the desired outcome but let each region have a strong influence in the approach and measures taken

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?

One income lost due to Covid and travel restrictions while cost of living has increased due to same reasons. Many are in similar circumstances

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

No

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Rate increases should be limited to 5% so we can budget ahead

Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges?

Yes

Any further comments on Uniform Annual General Charges?

Changes should go even further. Only cost that is actually dependent on the size or value of the property should be charged at CV. The remainder should be fixed charge and should only apply to those who benefit

Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates?

Yes

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

With the current low interest rates it is more responsible to borrow money to enable real action sooner. Borrow more money so we can make real action on addressing climate change and water pollution. Many rate payers have less disposable income so cannot be expected to pay now. But the actions now benefit generations to come so it is fair for them to pay for it through loan repayments.

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?

Where possible user pays policy should be applied as it is most fair to every-one.

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

Waimakariri 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

- . On-demand public transport services
- . Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality
- . Other initiative/s (please specify)

Other initiative/s (please specify) Waimakariri

Rideshare services for agile public transport

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

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?

- . Postcard
- . Newspaper
- . Email

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