

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? 25-39 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?

Rising rates and taxes, and over-regulation and bureaucracy from Ecan and CCC.

Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with? Option 2: statutory work and prior commitments

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?

Simplify your regulations systems rather than adding more on top of each other and complicating everything.

Keep climate change action reasonable so it doesn't hurt the people, destroy their jobs, or overburden them with regulations. Don't let the disproportionately loud radical activists make the decisions for the other 99% of residents trying to live their lives and meet their costs of living.

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

Water and Land	No
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	No
Climate Change and Community Resilience	No
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):	.	Water and Land
	.	Climate Change and Community Resilience
	.	Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
	.	Regional and Strategic Leadership

Water and Land portfolio comments:

Please keep residents' livelihoods at the forefront of mind when making changes to water and land rules. Your decisions have broad, long-reaching permanent effects, so please make changes gradually and monitor how effective they are, rather than making sweeping changes where any potential unintended consequences will on a far larger scale.

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

Residents know climate change is important, but it's not as important to us as it appears on the media and from outspoken activists. Bear in mind that they are at the far end of the spectrum, and make changes reasonable and gradual.

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

Mining the rare earth materials that electric vehicle batteries are made from is almost as damaging to the environment as the burning of fossil fuels. (See Michael Moore's Planet of the Humans). Electric vehicles are still far beyond the budgets of normal residents. Only the wealthy or retired can afford to purchase them at their current prices.

Don't punish people lower in society with taxes against petrol vehicles. All this does is ease the consciences of the wealthy at the top of society, as they can afford to purchase electric vehicles most of us could never manage to.

Public transport and cycling is not a viable option for families with young children. This is not a sector of society that needs any more pressure.

The cycling lanes that ruin the lives of residents on the streets, serve only a tiny percentage of the population, and disproportionally negatively affect other road users.

You should be looking to help residents, not forcing your own agendas on them.

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

All looks good, but with such a huge number and wide variety of people at the table, how will they ever agree on anything? There is a danger it will just lead to more boardroom discussions and slick consultation documents.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household? Neither option is affordable

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

We don't need more costs and more taxes. Please re-allocate the vast amounts of money you already receive constantly to use it more efficiently.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

People just want to get by and not have their standards of living slip. After the damage of lockdowns and GDP drop, we don't just need rates to stay the same, we need them lowered. Proposing raising our taxes (rates) is a slap in the face after 2020.

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? No

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

Do not put us into debt, we do not want to be paying interest on your borrowing, or having our children or grandchildren paying interest on your debts.
If you can't afford operating expenditure that should set off warning bells. Make changes to how you operate, rather than borrowing more money and having the issue continue (and worsen because interest is added on top).

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

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?

Please don't raise our rates any more. Please simplify regulations instead of adding more until there is over-regulation. Please keep pace with the general public's moderate attitude towards climate change rather than only the media and activists.

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?
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Postcard
Newspaper

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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 name