

Comments

LTP 2021-31

Comment ID	232
Response Date	23/03/21 11:39 AM
Status	Processed
Submission Type	Web
Version	0.5
First name	david
Surname	dundass
Email address	
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
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 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?

I think, given the current economic situation, with people losing their jobs and finding themselves in situations not of their making, that for you to be proposing such a large jump in ecan rates, shows a distinct lack of understand of the community that you are supposed to support, all the glossy brochures and happy smiling faces dont disguise the fact that you are asking us for a massive increase in our rates, I suggest that you should look within yourselves and see what savings and streamlining you could do in your own organisation first.

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

Water and Land	Yes
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Unsure

Climate Change and Community Resilience	Yes
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	No
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): . Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

Im a little unsure as to why ECan is involved in transportation at all, I would think that that is something that the councils should be doing, I saw you are getting paid a fee for that, but why is transportation in your brief?

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

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

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? Don't know

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

Depends what youre borrowing for, if its something with a substantial benefit, i.e infrastructure, then yes, but if its for establishment of admin expenses then no.

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?

If you wish to go for a walk in a national park or something similar, then there is no reason why you shouldnt have to pay something for it, I walk from the Timaru crk bridge to Jacks pt lighthouse, and I would still do it if it cost me a gold coin

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 . Other initiative/s

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

Well I think its a good service, but its costing a lot of money, and I understand we are subsidizing it to the tune of \$9 a ride, the question is, do you see a break even point for it, or will it continue to be such a drain on the budget.

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?

You have to know, looking at the social media posts, that the public has a very low opinion of ECan, and youre not doing yourself any favors by asking for such a big increase in fees, I suggest that you look internally at costs and get your own house in order before putting your hand out for more. I doubt that will happen, organizations such as yours rate yourselves on the size of the budget

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? . Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)

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