

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? 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?

I support Environment Canterbury's Option 1 proposals to "step-change environmental progress" and to "increase activity to accelerate regional outcomes" through its draft Long-Term Plan (LTP). However, the proposed increased investment, particularly in the Water and Land, Biodiversity and Biosecurity is probably insufficient to achieve the regional goals articulated in the various current strategies and plans for land and waters, biodiversity .

Environment Canterbury is a major "landowner" administering public lands along our waterways and should demonstrate best practice public land management. I recommend that the LTP make an investment of \$2.0M in the strategic and prioritised transition of the grazing land-use to healthy

waterways and indigenous biodiversity with stock exclusion and indigenous revegetation of riparian and wetland areas.

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):

- . Water and Land
- . Biodiversity and Biosecurity
- . Climate Change and Community Resilience
- . Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
- . Regional and Strategic Leadership

Water and Land portfolio comments:

I support Option 1 investments in this portfolio. However, more investment is recommended for Healthy Waterways Actions of \$8.9 M, Working Together for Healthy Land and Water of \$6.0M.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

I supports the Option 1 investments and particularly the proposed investment in the Braided River Revival (proposed \$3.8M) and a regionwide tree planting programme (Me Uru Rākau) (proposed \$1.0M) as key programs to restore natural ecosystems and improve biodiversity. However, more investment is required given the scale of the need. I recommend additional funding of Braided River Revival to \$7.0M and Me Uru Rākau to \$5.0M

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

I support Option 1 investments in this Portfolio. However, I recommend reducing the investment in Leading Community Resilience to \$3.5M and Flood and River Resilience to \$11.0M and Managing Coastal Environment to 3.0M. I recommend that the \$3.8M savings in this Portfolio be transferred to Water and Land and Biodiversity and Biosecurity.

I support the proposed Contestable Fund to facilitate community engagement and contribution and recommends a doubling of this investment to \$0.9M. Similarly, I recommend that the allocation of funding for grants to each Zone Committee be doubled to \$0.2M/year.

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

I support Option 2 investments in this Portfolio and recommend a reduction to Transforming Public Transport to \$30.0M. Savings from this reduced investment should be transferred to Water and Land and Biodiversity and Biosecurity.

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

I support Option 2 investments in this Portfolio and recommend a reduction to Engagement and Influence to \$8.0M and Investing in the Future to 1.8M. The saving from this and Option 1 investments should be transferred to Water and Land and Biodiversity and Biosecurity. I support the proposed funding to Enviro-schools.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

Investing in our quality of life now and for future generations , given the progressive harm to environmental values is wise and essential.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Apply the User or Polluter Pays equitable approach and increase targeted rates on those industries/persons causing environmental harm and externalising the cost of environmental decline.

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

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?

Borrowing should be for investments into long-term environmental restoration such as riparian and wetland restoration and protection and mass indigenous tree planting for carbon sequestration and biodiversity habitat.

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?

Apply additional charges to those polluting our ground and surface waterways. Introduce a water quality improvement and biodiversity offsets policy.

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 . Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality
Other initiative/s (please specify)

Other initiative/s (please specify) Christchurch

use income from leasing E-can land for grazing for ecological restoration of E-Cans public land along riparian and wetland areas of our waterways.

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?

good luck

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
- . Meeting, hui or event
- . Email

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