

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?	Government freshwater requirements and improving transport.
Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?	Other option (please specify)

Statutory work and affordable 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?

The suggested rates increases to meet the required spending of both options is grossly unrealistic. Ecan should limit any rates increase to a maximum of 10% per annum. Anything above this shows on

unrealistic spending expectations. If you cannot meet expenditure with this then you need to restrict your expenses. Average workers currently have pay rates being frozen or only CPI increases and so cantabrians are going to be hit significantly in the pocket by these rates increases. And this doesn't take into account the proposed rates increases from the city council. If a private business proposed raising prices of 24% or 18% its customers would laugh and never return. Do not abuse your public licence by suggesting such radical rates increases and trying to blame it on government initiatives or climate change. None of these have arisen overnight and so Ecan could have been building reserves up over the recent years to help minimise the impacts of associated expenditure increases to everyday cantabrians who have had a very tough last 12 months with the financial impacts of Covid.

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

Water and Land	Yes
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	No
Climate Change and Community Resilience	Yes
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	Yes
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):

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

Significantly unaffordable and ridiculous that Ecan councillors even think this is a fair proposal to cantabrians.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Ridiculous for those struggling recently due to financial hardship following covid.

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

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 . On-demand public transport services

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?

Ecan has a responsibility to the Canterbury public to operate in a financially responsible manner. Judging by the details of both suggested options in this plan, Ecan is significantly failing in its responsibility and questions over financial management and strategic leadership need to be addressed urgently.

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)
 . Environment Canterbury website
 . Newspaper

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