

## Comments

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**First name**

**Surname**

**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?** 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?**

It is apparent, that in Christchurch, (and throughout New Zealand), there is a chronic housing shortage, more land must be released for homes. The city boundaries need to be moved, URGENTLY, to enable people to have homes. All Residential/Rural, or whatever the name is now, should be made into Residential. This should be done urgently, and will enable more homes to be build, especially in the Burwood area, where the new schooling, and recreational facilities already exist. To allow this to go ahead outside of the immediate Christchurch - means, more vehicles on the road, more motorways are required, air and noise pollution, and does not achieve anything but allowing rate payers to move to cheaper rating areas, while still daily utilizing Christchurch facilities .

**Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?** Other option (please specify)

Focus on rezoning Christchurch waste land/under utilized areas, to enable people to have homes. Do not allow further sub-divisions at e.g. Rolleston, Waimakariri etc., you are over burdening our roading system, at a huge cost to rates payers, by way of new motorways, to enable transport for these people into Christchurch. More local people/land, means more rates collected directly to CCC, and thereby enables better funding is made available for projects.

**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?**

Again, you should be concentrating, on opening access to land in Christchurch, getting it re-zoned to residential - there is a New Zealand wide CHRONIC housing shortage - it is better to concentrate on getting people into homes, within Christchurch, and stopping further commuters on our roads into town. This is not being addressed - you need to stop such carbon emissions, and look local, for your property re-design.

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

<b>Water and Land</b>	Yes
<b>Biodiversity and Biosecurity</b>	Unsure
<b>Climate Change and Community Resilience</b>	No
<b>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</b>	Yes
<b>Regional and Strategic Leadership</b>	Yes

**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

**Water and Land portfolio comments:**

I think it is apparent to all "literate" New Zealanders, that there is a chronic housing shortage. You do not even have to consult a specialist, to find this out. It is urgently required, that land is re-zoned. For example - here in Burwood - there is waste/under utilized land that runs from QE2 Drive, Burwood Road corner, down to Prestons Road. The facilities were in-place for the nearby red zone, so therefore the capacity must remain, to quickly enable expansion in this area, for properties. Then, if you wish to go further - you could rezone the whole stretch between the Main North Road, right through to Burwood Road, and down to the access to Spenser Park. This is the logical choice - as the recreational facilities, schools, forest, beach, shopping, doctors etc., already exist. There are no other areas, readily available, with existing roading and the networks already in place.

**Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household?**

Neither option is affordable

**Any further comments on affordability for your household?**

We cannot afford to pay any more in rates, it will force us to move to Mandeville, under a different Council, and enjoy lower rates, while still having access to town facilities.

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

No

**Any further comments on affordability for the community?**

Please compare the rates for example on a home - say \$500,000 value, in Kaiapoi, Rangiora, and then the cost to live in Christchurch. You will see why people are moving away, and increasing the roading costs into the city, increasing transport chaos, more gas emissions, damaging the environment. Keep the costs down and re-zone areas closer in.

**Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges?** No

**Any further comments on Uniform Annual General Charges?**

Stop increasing charges, and increase land usage - to enable your funding by other means, all developers pay towards your costs, and all home owners pay also - thereby more home owners, increases your income. Don't just sit there and ask for more money all the time - look to how to logically solve your funding issues

**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?**

Money is cheap at the moment, but please try to look at the bigger picture, you need more funding, so therefore you need more rate payers. To achieve this you need to open up more land for residential development.

**Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy?** No

**Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?**

Keep as much as you can FREE, this will attract more people to the region, increase the amount of people wishing to stay here - thereby increasing rating income, but new residents. But only if you can understand that to achieve this you must URGENTLY rezone land, for residential purposes

**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** . Other initiative/s (please specify)

**Other initiative/s (please specify) Christchurch**

I would like to see the sewers and water supply up-graded, which has been continuing since the earthquakes revealed damage. "Get the plumbing sorted, and the rest will work." Stop people taking

our water - commercially, for re-sale overseas, and supply your residents first and foremost - we are your rate payers !!!!

**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 move swiftly, the problem exists now, do not delay your actions, or you will see people moving away from ChCh because of increased rates, and the lack of land. This will result in a lower rating income, and you will have less funding available, than you currently have.

**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?** . 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:** I do not wish to have my name or location published, I am answering your questions, to enable a better Christchurch, without you having to engage specialists, for what is apparent to anyone in New Zealand.