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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? No

What do you feel are the significant challenges and opportunities we face?

We are involved in farming and for us the biggest challenge is the increased regulation and complexity of these regulations monitored by multiple organizations who do not communicate with each other for privacy reasons. I spent endless amounts of time filling in forms and surveys which in the end in general achieve very little, particular around desired outcomes. We need a more carrot type approach. KPI's in general achieve outcomes.

One of the biggest problems is that some of the regulation is based on poor research or the hope that science will bring solutions where our opinion is that you only can make regulation on confirmed science. As an example you want to electrify the buses and I do not totally disagree with that option for noise control, but if you do not take the carbon foot printing of the battery and the disposal of it in to consideration you are fooling yourself. Carbon cycles do not stop at the border. In my opinion hydrogen buses would be a much better option.

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?

Implementing the freshwater package. This is a rushed approach and Ecan should push much harder back to government who if no change is made to the regulation will cripple parts of Canterbury if not all of it. We already spent 60 million developing community plans. It is an insult on the processes we went through and it will turn ratepayers away from democracy

We like to see a considered and measured implementation of a low emission transport network. If you want people to use public transport you need frequency and from early morning till late. We only see this working in Central Christchurch. The bus taxi may be a better solution for other parts of Canterbury. On the low emission thing , you had a natural gas system going before the earthquake from methane derived from sewage, but somebody knocked it on the head. Christchurch City Council??

Pest control is essential, but if it is government that introduced the pest (wilding pines) it is their job to fix it. If they use Ecan as a contractor that is fine.

Flood protection and infrastructure is paramount to keep the rate payers safe.

If you keep producing rules left right and center you need more and more compliance officers.

Streamlining compliance in programs like "Lead with Pride" make life easier for all involved.

Totally support you on active regeneration of the natural environment and tree planting programs. his is where can engage with youth through schools and businesses who want to do their bit for a more diverse landscape.

Education is not for Ecan but should be an Ministry for Education issue. We have to keep some boundaries else you are going to be everything for everybody and everybody will be confused.

Data collection. Must do is fine and it has to make sense. There is lots of data collected with no purpose.

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

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

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
.	Regional and Strategic Leadership

Water and Land portfolio comments:

We like to advocate to keep progressing the current processes of how the Canterbury regional council has negotiated community outcomes and push back on the parts of Fresh water Regulation package that will turn Canterbury back to a place what was in the 80's which will have disastrously effect on even the urban community. We also like to keep you supporting the Managed Aquifer Recharge project, which to date is very successful. It enable farmers in certain areas to keep their farms valuable and supply you with rates coming of these values.

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

We feel that there is an imbalance in how issues are approached. I believe that under the commissioners leadership there was a better balance. To explain this further your council is a reflection of the population of Canterbury, but your issues, problems or opportunities you deal with are as diverse as the landscape. In technical terms the Christchurch population controls the rest of Canterbury sheer by numbers and

it shows in how some of the councilors vote and profile themselves not understanding the rural issues, like river protection or managed aquifer recharge, the same as your rural councilors will not understand your needs for public transport that is well organized. In our view the national government has sorted this better by submitting contentious issues to select committees. Our suggestion is to come up with a better process so we protect our democracy

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household? Option 2 is affordable

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

At present all is affordable, but farming is cyclical and we do not want to lock in rates we can not afford

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Any community body should be prudent in their spending. There are large parts of the community that are getting closer and closer to the breadline by a huge desire to spent on behalf. If it was your personal money, you be far more frugal

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? Yes

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

You want to be sure you can pay back interest and principal and have a better outcome than without borrowing the money

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?

We are okay with this as long it is limited to a maximum of visits. Some farmers get unreasonable amount complaints which need to be investigated, but you can not charge the farmer if there is nothing wrong.

Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below: Ashburton 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 . Other initiative/s

The Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge is a pilot of environmental infrastructure to address water quality. To continue enhancing this infrastructure, the project would require ongoing targeted rates from the Ashburton district. Find out more [link]. Do you want to see this project continue? Yes

Any further comments on Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge? Yes

It is an essential part of how the effects of irrigation and land use have to be mitigated

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?

It took us a while to get our minds around the proposals of your 10 year plan. For those who are in this world day in day out it may seem logical bur for us down to earth farmers it looks a bit to complex.

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? . Environment Canterbury website
Meeting, hui or event

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my submission I do not want disclosed:** No