

## 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
Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:	
Water and Land	Unsure
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Yes
Climate Change and Community Resilience	Yes
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	Yes
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):**

.	Water and Land
.	Biodiversity and Biosecurity
.	Climate Change and Community Resilience

**Water and Land portfolio comments:**

I do not support the continuation of the Hinds MAR project or any other such projects. Freshwater quality should be managed up front by restricting Nitrogen inputs and controlling groundwater takes and other measures such as planting for nutrient removal rather than stealing water from another ecosystem to cover up the damage already done. You cannot take groundwater without disadvantaging someone or some other ecosystem further down the line. There needs to be greater scrutiny and ongoing reassessment of groundwater irrigation takes and a willingness to withdraw permits if they are found to be having an adverse effect. We have a small wetland on our property that has been supported by ECAN Biodiversity funding in the past. It empties within days of the ECAN consented irrigation pumps on the neighboring property being turned on. Many irrigation permits have been given for decades of use, but scientific knowledge has moved faster. We now know that wetlands provide huge benefits as carbon sinks, nutrient removal from water ways as well as homes to some of our rarest and most endangered species. There needs to be greater scrutiny and ongoing reassessment of groundwater irrigation takes with a willingness to reduce or withdraw permitted takes where they are having negative effects.

**Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:**

Just to draw attention to the huge benefit supporting biodiversity and biosecurity can have on other areas of the plans objectives - it is not just for it's own sake. I would support much greater funding here.

**Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:**

Water always wins over human flood defenses in the end...part of this plan must include consideration of how to remove people from flood prone areas in the long term. Cleaning up our waterways should also be given a priority under this portfolio  
too..<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20210323-climate-change-the-rivers-that-breathe-greenhouse-gases>

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

**Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community?**      Don't know

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

Of course I don't know other householders financial situation but it is rarely cheaper in the long run to put off paying to fix something to a later date.

**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?**      No

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

If borrowing can be secured on a fixed rate basis for the duration of the term to take advantage of current low rates then I would support that, but borrowing on variable terms commits ECAN to unknown costs in the future and possibly much more expense to the ratepayer.

**Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy?** Yes

**Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below:** Waimakariri 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**

**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**

**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)
- . Newspaper

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