

## 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?** 65+ 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?**

Stick to land and water resource management, biodiversity and biosecurity protection

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

25% rate rise is irresponsible stick to core business

**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?**

Remove subregional plans by 2024 and demand of government to recognise the \$60m we ratepayers have already spent in developing plans

Leave enviro schools engagement to Government.  
Priority given to land and water flood protection and habitat protection.

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

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

I was shocked to read in press E can chair person saying this increase is affordable to all that may be ok if a salary earner but when your income is influenced by things out of your control eg weather, prices, rate increases etc As farmers we are already be hit from all directions with compliance costs.

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

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

Ecan should reduce its ambition to spend our money till it can prepare an affordable budget. No sign of this in this plan

**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?**

Judging by Ecans Chairs comments more of the costs should fall on the people of ChCh as she says they can afford it.

**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?**

Live within your means. Everthing doesn't have to be done instantly .

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

**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**

This is up to the people of the Hinds plains to decide. Would rather spend money on projects that will deliver positive outcomes to us rather than huge rate increases to projects Ecan is proposing.

**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?**

- . Environment Canterbury website
- . Word of mouth
- . Email

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