

## 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

**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?**

I didn't really understand enough about MyWay to be able to comment on it.

I think that the Hinds MAR project seems very valuable, and should be continued after 2022, and that we should also commit to similar projects in other areas.

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

Water and Land	Yes
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Yes

<b>Climate Change and Community Resilience</b>	Yes
<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:**

We have a commitment, by Te Tiriti o Waitangi, to work with tangata whenua take care of Papatūānuku. The degree to which we have allowed such disastrous damage to our waterways is disgusting and totally unacceptable. We must URGENTLY address this, to restore Te Mana o te Wai. We are failing our treaty obligations, if we do not prioritise this.

**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?** Yes

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

Option 2 is already quite a bit increase in rates. Option 1 is not very much worse, but gives so much more benefit to the community and the environment. Option 1 is looking at the big picture, and is far more beneficial for all of use in the long term. It is well worth the few extra dollars.

**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?** Yes

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

I believe that the expenditure in Option 1 is necessary for our long-term wellbeing and to attempt to meet our commitments under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, which have been badly neglected for many years. If borrowing enables the cost to ratepayers to be spready more evenly, then is it worth it, as people on low incomes will find large rate increases difficult.

**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**

Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality

**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?**

We are morally and legally obligated to prioritise our commitments under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and that means urgently working to reverse all the damage we have caused to Papatūānuku. To be honest, I think we should be doing even more than Option 1, but I understand that affordability is an issue for many ratepayers, so I consider Option 1 to be a reasonable compromise. But we should aspire to do more.

**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)  
Postcard

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