

Comments

LTP 2021-31 (5/03/21 to 30/04/21)

| | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Comment ID | 369 |
| Response Date | 4/04/21 12:55 PM |
| Status | Processed |
| Submission Type | Web |
| Version | 0.3 |
| First name | Laura |
| Surname | Muir |
| 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? 25-39 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 fully support all work outlined in plan 1 - I am pleased to see the council taking the climate situation and its future impacts on our region seriously, as well as being a leader in our nationwide fight for healthier waterways and protection of biodiversity. The only thing I would like to have seen included in the LTP that wasn't is a plan on how to manage fire risk in the port hills.

I am, in full support of the Tuia agreement, the appointment of Tumu Taiao (mana whenua experts) to Council, and the Youth Rōpū. It is vital that we increase truly representative community engagement, and these three initiatives will go a long way in doing so. Maori have long been the guardians of this land - we need to recognize this and begin following the lead of local iwi in moving towards a more sustainable future for all. The council's work with the Youth Rōpū

is vital - young people are highly aware of the environmental and resourcing issues faced in today's world, and will be the ones most affected by the decisions that we are making now - their voices must be given a platform.

I fully support the completion and continuation of the MyWay by Metro trail in Timaru, as outlined in option 1.

I fully support the Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) infrastructure project, as outlined in option 1.

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

| | |
|---|-----|
| Water and Land | Yes |
| 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):

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

The rates increase is affordable for my household, the additional expense outlined in option 1 is absolutely necessary. I am in full support of option 1.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

In many ways, we simply cannot afford NOT to take the actions outlined in Option 1. If we fail to act in a swift and decisive manner now, the cost and impact on future generations will be exponentially higher. The increase in rates is a much needed investment in our future resilience and wellbeing. We need to ensure that ECan receive the funding and support required to carry out the mahi they have been tasked with to a high standard. Engaging the public in a genuine and meaningful way is a costly exercise, in both time and money - but pays off in increased commitment and compliance of stakeholders.

Is there any way that we can try and prevent the rates increase from negatively impacting those who are on low income? I.e. could Ecan suggest to Work and Income that housing cost support for low income families is increased to cover the increase in rates (which will be reflected in rental pricing)? I believe that the question of how to mitigate the comparatively higher impact of the rates increase on low income households deserves more consideration.

Also - I would love to see more subsidized or free public transport services for those who are on low income.

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

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:

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

- . On-demand public transport services
- . Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality
- . Other initiative/s (please specify)

Other initiative/s (please specify) Christchurch

measuring of regional (especially urban) total emissions of CO2/methane - plans to include how this would be measured, by who and how often. This would ensure that each region (esp. urban centers) are taking responsibility for their emissions and can work to reduce these in line with the Climate Commission's Action Plan and our national obligation to meet Paris Agreement targets. All eyes and expectations are on the rural sector to reduce their emissions, but we also need to consider those of our cities and commit to working together to take responsibility at a local level.

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? . Meeting, hui or event

Your information is held and administered by Environment Canterbury in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and Environment Canterbury's Privacy Policy.

There is personal information/contact details in my submission I do not want disclosed: Yes

Tell us which information you do not want disclosed: email address, phone number and physical address.