

## Comments

### LTP 2021-31

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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

**Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?** No

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

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A private business would not consider losing money at this rate, so why are you wasting my portion of ever increasing rates. The 97 bus service needs to cease or at most have 1/2 the timetable scrapped. I did speak to someone at Ecan prior to the 97 Bus being confirmed. In answer to my question about why you don't use smaller coaches and less frequently, their answer was the cost difference is very small. I would like someone to show me how that response can be true.

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

Scrap the 97 Bus service

**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?**

The air quality in Pegasus will lift, with less bus trips

**Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on):**

**Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:**

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**Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household?** Neither option is affordable

**Any further comments on affordability for your household?**

My comments above will reflect the large "Retirement" age resident here in Pegasus, who will be aggravated at having to snip more than the tiny increase (from the Labour Government) to help pay for the LTP

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

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

Out of a SAuperann Income of around \$20K, I now have to part with \$3,300.00 for rates, before I can even think about other bills.

**Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges?** No

**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?**

It doesn't matter how you acquire the \$\$, or over which period, it still will hit my income significantly.

**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:** 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

**How did you find out about giving feedback?** . Word of mouth

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