

Comments

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First name

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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? Other option (please specify)

Don't increase the rates above the rate of inflation. Go over your costs -- primarily staffing of middle and upper management to control your expenses by removing the nonessential. Rule breakers, the big ones -- corporates -- are held accountable to the fullest extent of the law and made to pay. Listen to your own staff, that are both technical and work on the ground (rather than the middle and upper managers in offices) and work out how you can accomplish your aspirational goals without raising rates. Your public transit policies are incompetent, a huge waste of rate payers funds, and nearly unused. Throw them away and start over after listening to those same folks -- technical and workers.

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?

Start with the rates increase that MUST be removed to the rate of inflation. Your utter failure to even look at your own middle and upper management staff costs is a sad lack of accountability by public servants.

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

Water and Land	Yes
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Yes
Climate Change and Community Resilience	No
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	No
Regional and Strategic Leadership	No

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

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

I'm an environmentalist. Have been since at least my teens (1970s). I've also been successful in business running two international corporate that were multi-billion USD operations and employed tens of thousands under me. Both jobs were to rescue companies run like ECAN is -- no concept of a balanced budget, do not listen to anyone outside senior management, and incapable of what is necessary to fix the problems they have, at budget, on time. I've also run my own company, which was successful enough to largely retire early. Watching ECAN in lack of success the past 21 years is a thoroughly miserable experience. I don't know enough of your operation to determine if the cause is your lack of quality at upper management or the utter failure of the elected (and previously appointed Board) to scrutinize your required activities to run as it is supposed to be -- public servants. Lastly, unless you clean up your organization, no amount of rates increase will fix our water/ land pollution, biodiversity/ biosecurity, air, public transport issues as well as address the disgraceful sprawl that has been allowed to develop since the quakes with no plan to save good farming or need wild lands.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

Totally unaffordable, as a single parent with a kid in university and on a fixed income.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

As per my earlier comments, this rates increase is the most disastrous part of your long-term "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?

see above

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?

Hold polluters accountable by making them pay significant penalties and if your are not confident on winning cases at the Environmental Court work with the Environmental Minister to adjust the laws so they have real teeth.

Secondly, have a competent individual review all your staff costs. Keep the technical and workers and the elected folks. Everybody else should have to justify what productive work they do

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 . Other initiative/s (please specify)

Other initiative/s (please specify) Christchurch

punish polluters. End water consents for anybody, Kiwi or foreign, to bottle our water and ship overseas.

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?

I hope you are willing to listen and look again at your disastrous two options

Do you wish to speak to your submission? Yes

We may use your phone number to contact you to arrange attendance at a hearing. This information will be kept private.

Phone number

Would you like to be kept up-to-date with the outcome of this consultation? Yes

How did you find out about giving feedback? . Newspaper

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

Tell us which information you do not want disclosed: My name and contact details