

## 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?	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 support the work described in option 1. I believe you have not identified two areas that provide ongoing and unique benefits to the region which is been impacted by climate change and ongoing urbanisation. Canterbury has 21% of the highest quality soils in New Zealand and with ongoing residential expansions in Selwyn and the other regions large portions of this soil is being lost to residential buildings who are unable to utilise to the same extent. This soil and our unique climate makes us a world leader in many areas of productions.

The Long Term Plan (LTP) does mention sourcing other financial revenues to ease ratepayers however that does not focus on the varying revenue streams impacted by the loss of soils. This has already been explored and is evident of failure in Auckland where soil rich areas have been replaced with

housing causing a lack of resources for the year round agriculture NZ expects. This is also vital in Maori beliefs as the land is sacred, by not understanding and respecting what the land gives us we are doomed to repeat Aucklands mistakes.

My 2nd area I feel needs work is Biodiversity, I strongly support all the current proposals in the LTP and with some tweaking believe it can be strong and fit for purpose.

I will use a case example of myself and my point of view. I have lived in Rolleston 7 years and it has changed from farmland to residential. In the process of this change the biodiversity of the insects present is decimated. Prior to this I lived in Dallington, Christchurch for 24 years. In CHC there was a wide and healthy species variety in insects while Rolleston it is bare. ECAN can take a NZ leader approach and attempt to reintroduce native populations in conjunction with Ngāi Tahu and other stakeholders, this support LoS 13 and LoS 14. With the new ecosystems emerging from the recent boom in Rolleston and other areas it puts ECAN in the unenviable position of being able to lead the charge.

**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>	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):** . Biodiversity and Biosecurity

**Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:**

LOS14

While I believe that ECAN have got an okay web portal (<https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/your-environment/our-natural-environment/pest-management/>) for pests with further work and community outreach this can be a strong tool to aid across all regions in Canterbury. Environment Southland have web portal that is brilliant for this purpose (<https://pesthubs.es.govt.nz/>) and something similar with campaigns and awareness pushed behind would aid more than any passive surveillance could. If all est. 645,900 new what to look for or could get information quickly then the establishment and spread would be mitigated and prevent long term costs in the future.

**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?**

There needs to be more awareness and understanding given explaining to the community, this has to happen but in the messaging it's currently not explained "why" in an individual sense to the less connected members of our community. If ECAN asked the random person on the street how it would impact them individually it could sound as if it is only negative. The plan is positive and there needs to be a driving message as to why, the messaging can not be focused on the \$ argument

**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:**

Selwyn 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**

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

**Other initiative/s (please specify) Selwyn**

Council lead engagement per region. 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. Diversifying and varying use of land e.g less dairy and more carbon neutral farm of kelp etc.

**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?** . Word of mouth

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