

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? No

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

Significant challenges are cleaning up the rivers and managing the fresh (drinking water) resource

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

Prioritise the cleaning up of the rivers and the management of the fresh water resource. Residents are paying for their fresh water but it appears that private enterprise can bottle and sell it without charge. Residents can no longer swim at places like Coe's Ford or Chamberlain's ford or the Glentunnel camp ground because of toxic algae and pollution. I am not a politically active person but I find this an absolutely intolerable situation and it needs to be fixed. Progress over the last 5 years? Well it's become worse, not better. So Ecan needs to drastically re-prioritise and look after our rivers, streams and

aquifers. Ecan is the only agency which can make a difference here, but is failing to do so. And I do mean "failing".

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?

Refer to my answer to question 10.

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

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

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:

The cleaning up of the rivers and the management of the fresh water resource is the single most important contribution that Ecan can make to the people and wildlife of Canterbury. Residents are paying for their fresh water but it appears that private enterprise can bottle and sell it without charge. Residents can no longer swim at places like Coe's Ford or Chamberlain's ford or the Glentunnel camp ground because of toxic algae and pollution. I am not a politically active person but I find this an absolutely intolerable situation and it needs to be fixed. Progress over the last 5 years? Well it's become worse, not better. So Ecan needs to drastically re-prioritise and look after our rivers, streams and aquifers. Ecan is the only agency which can make a difference here, but is failing to do so. And I do mean "failing".

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

Focus on the important stuff, stop hiring so many people, cut the cost and deliver real benefit.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

There is no excuse for increasing any charges given the track record of Ecan is so poor at achieving anything.

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

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| Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates? | No |
| 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: | 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 | . Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality . Other initiative/s (please specify) |
| Other initiative/s (please specify) Selwyn | |
| Cleaning up the rivers | |
| 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? . Postcard

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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: email address