

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?	Yes
Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?	Option 2: statutory work and prior commitments
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?	
More acknowledgement of previous plans that Ecan have, and have spent a lot of staff time and money on, these should not be forgotten i especially refer to the CWMS	
Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:	
Water and Land	Yes
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Unsure

Climate Change and Community Resilience	No
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	Unsure
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):	Water and Land

Water and Land portfolio comments:

I THINK ECAN SHOULD HAVE LOBBIED THE government HARDER TO USE SOME OR ALL OF THE CWMS

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

The use of targeted rates as against uniformed annual Charge has put a huge burden onto the rural community who seem to be paying twice, 1 by targeted rates and 2 by 100% cost recovery for all consent work, their own and Ecans costs as well, seems very unfair

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Appears very basis against rural communities with target rates on capital valve
A 25% RATE INCREASE IS EXTRAORDINARY HIGH AND UNJUSTIFIABLE

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?

I believe that there should be more uniform annual general charges as they share the rates burden, with so much targeted rates the actual financial liability really effects the rural community far more than the urban householder who appears to receive all the benefits by way of the spend in the city

Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates? Yes

Any further comments on the use of borrowing for operating expenditure?

Yes to borrowing for capital items but no to borrowing to fund operational items

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: Ashburton 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

The Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge is a pilot of environmental infrastructure to address water quality. To continue enhancing this infrastructure, the project would require ongoing targeted rates from the Ashburton district. Find out more [\[link\]](#). Do you want to see this project continue? Yes

Any further comments on Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge? Yes

I feel that all of Canterbury benefits and so the rate charged should be the same for all areas, not split into 3 zones

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 feel that a 25% rate increase creates a real financial burden on farming communities and does not treat rate payers equally or fairly, it will have a massive effect on rural business cash flows and so cannot have been well thought through by Ecan, and could in fact be open to legal challenge as many farmers will have a financial loss if a rate increase of the purposed magnitude happens

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: No