

## 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

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

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

Pressure from central government, Ecan seems to be bending to pressure from central government on EFW plan and abandoning the 60m we as rate payers have already spent on our subregional plans that will achieve the same result. Ecan should be fighting this as we dont want to be spending another \$20million

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

Ecan needs to do a cost benefit analysis of all its expenditure and reduce its rate rise to a level that is in line with other business expenditure, ie under double figures

**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?**

There should be no removal of the -plans by 2024 and Ecan need to have the confidence of the work they have done that has cost \$60m that they have already spent of our ratepayers money to convince the central government that as a sub-region we are on the right path to achieve the regional result

**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>	Unsure
<b>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</b>	Unsure
<b>Regional and Strategic Leadership</b>	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
- . Biodiversity and Biosecurity
- . Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
- . Regional and Strategic Leadership

**Water and Land portfolio comments:**

As above Ecan should believe and have confidence in the work on our subregional Plan and it should not have to re do it to meet the Governments EFW Plan, cost already of \$60Million

**Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:**

I support biodiversity

**Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:**

I do not believe this is Ecan's role, it should be under the umbrella of the MOE

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

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

Under your proposal our Ecan rates could rise another not \$5500pa above what we already pay. It is not feasible to to expect rate payers to absorb such increases.

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

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

No the proposed rate increase is far to high Ecan should go back to the budget and do a cost benefit analysis and only precede with the ones showing a good return on our investment.

**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?**

The UAGC should be charged to the people who benefit not the property so the per house rate should be increasing to at least \$120 per household

**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?**

If the rate rise is too high for people to accept then reduce the expenditure to match

**Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy?** Yes

**Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?**

Only if the costs are removed from where they are now, and no costs are doubled up and farmers dont pay twice.

**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**

MAR is already showing very positive results. It proves that regional communities can rally together to achieve good environmental outcomes. This project should be guided only by the Hinds Plains residents

**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?** . Newspaper

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