

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?	65+ 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
Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:	
Water and Land	Yes
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Yes
Climate Change and Community Resilience	Yes
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	Yes
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
- . Biodiversity and Biosecurity
- . Climate Change and Community Resilience
- . Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
- . Regional and Strategic Leadership

Water and Land portfolio comments:

I'm concerned about the health of our waterways, especially the impact on human health and biodiversity of excess nitrates due to overstocking & excessive fertiliser use.

I urge ECan to bring in AND enforce regulations to protect waterways and groundwater from excess nitrates.

I support any moves ECan makes towards changing our ways of food production towards greater diversity of farming types, and a return to arable, mixed cropping and sheep/beef farming that is more suited to the dry Canterbury plains.

I urge ECan to prevent the renewal of the big irrigation resource consents that were brought in under the ECan Commissioner regime when the public had no say in how our land and water was used.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

Native bees and flies provide as much if not more pollination for human food production as honeybees but are dwindling fast due to habitat destruction as the city moves out and as farming practice continues to include the annual dousing of farmland with herbicide prior to sowing.

I urge ECan to:

1. Bring in and enforce regulations to:

a) prevent the clearance of wild/'waste' spaces (as well as native bush etc) that provide a habitat for wild pollinators.

b) reduce the use of herbicide

2. Work with Christchurch City Council and district councils to reduce their routine use of herbicide for "tidiness", and work with them to increase corridors of wild diversity throughout the region

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

I support ECan putting ALL its plans and processes through the lens of climate change and community resilience. I commend the new council for taking seriously its 2019 Declaration of Climate Emergency. I urge ECan to consider specifically how we can boost our local food security, given scientific predictions of global warming speeding up and various tipping points being reached sooner than expected.

It seems quite likely that in the next 10-20 years our region will face continual drought and loss of pollinating species. As other countries struggle with the climate/eco crisis, we may well also face severe cuts to trade links/imports and a massive influx of climate refugees.

In such a scenario it is crucial that the population knows its food is secure.

I urge ECan to consider these quite probable scenarios and develop back-up plans accordingly. Eg where is the most productive food-growing land? What works best in drought conditions etc? How will people get access to food if petrol dries up?

I support ECan's plans for climate education. I think it needs to include

a) education on the importance of maintaining wild biodiversity for our food security as we move deeper into climate instability and ecosystem collapse.

b) collective and systemic change, not just individual behavioural choices

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

Urban development and transport planning needs to be considered through the lens of the worst case climate/eco scenario, as above. Each month sees more scientific studies showing that such scenarios are becoming increasingly likely.

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

I strongly support ECan taking seriously your responsibility as a democratically elected body tasked with protecting this rohe, its taonga and its people.

Local (and central) government need to take the initiative in planning for this. because a free market economy by its nature responds solely to short-term profit for shareholders, and has no responsibility for the collective welfare of the people and the land.

Im aware that ECan is often hamstrung by policy/processes at central government level. I support ECan working with central government where it can, and challenging and lobbying it where central policies/ processes are hampering what can be done locally, especially in terms of the speed needed to develop community resilience to the climate/eco crisis we are in.

It is crucial as the climate/eco crisis deepens that everyone understands and supports the collective changes we are likely to have to make. I urge ECan to work in partnership with local iwi to trial forms of participatory democracy, such as citizens assemblies where these fit in with the principles of Te Tiriti and with the processes being developed through the Matike Mai project.

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?

The increasing gap between rich and poor that has continued for the past 35 years means now a minority of the population have way more income and wealth than average.

Our collective wealth of productive land, clean water and biodiversity has been run down over that period for the short-term profit of the few and to the long-term detriment of the population as a whole, as well as future generations.

I strongly support progressive ways of funding ECAN, charging the rich more and poor people less, so that our collective wealth may be better protected going forward.

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 strongly support progressive ways of funding ECAN, charging the rich more and poor people less. (UAGC is a part of the rates that all households pay equally. By reducing this component of the rates to Zero, and relying on other rates components to fund Ecan, we make sure that the rich pay more, and poor people may even pay less rates than they do currently. This is just and sensible.)

Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates? No

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

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?

It is exciting to see this progressive long-term plan from the new group of councillors elected in 2019! Arohanui!

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?

- . Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- . Word of mouth
- . Email

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