

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?

Increasing compliance costs when we already have systems in place and have spent a lot of money already on land and water policy however the goal posts are ever changing.

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

Both those options show that we will have a 50% increase in rates and this is not viable for our business. Why are Ecan getting involved in bus services that the rural community will never be able to utilise.

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?

We think relevant is land and water, flood protection and biosecurity,
Remove the emissions for public transport, climate change - these are covered by other government / city council departments. Community engagement and enviro schools - how do we see/measure results for the money you propose to spend. Canterbury has already spent so much money on plans.

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

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

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
- . Climate Change and Community Resilience
- . Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
- . Regional and Strategic Leadership

Water and Land portfolio comments:

We already have plans in place in Canterbury why do we need to redo our plans because the rest of the country needs to get onboard - we are ahead of other areas of NZ.

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

Don't believe NZ has a climate change problem when compared to the rest of the world

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

Urban development and transport should be funded by the users or people in the areas able to utilise these services. The rural community will not be able to utilise this and therefore unfair to charge on CV to contribute to this.

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

These projects are not relevant to Ecan's portfolio

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

We already pay many compliance costs to satisfy many different government departments. Using your calculator it shows a 50% increase which is not sustainable for our business. Your increase in costs feels like we are paying for the same compliance issues twice - once to you and again to other government departments.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Produce a plan that can show measurable results to justify the spend

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

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?

You are trying to do too much too fast with no measured results

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: 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

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? . Email

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