

## 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?** No

**Which age category are you in?** -

**Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?** Don't know

**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?**

This submission deals only with the proposed new charge of \$57.50 pa that is intended to be imposed upon swing mooring holders for work undertaken by the harbour masters office involved in the removal of wrecks.

This is in addition to the \$230 annual fee which was imposed against the overwhelming majority of mooring owners wishes and is the highest annual fee of any local body in New Zealand.

By way of example the Marlborough District Council charge \$50.

Firstly I would like to note that the Harbour Master web site contains no reference to this impending change so it follows that there is no supporting evidence or rationale as to how this figure has been arrived at.

It would therefore appear to be a simple increase in the already exorbitant fees already levied.

Secondly it is repugnant to natural law whereby the innocent are required to pay for the failings of another.

You may as well charge all vehicle owners for the removal of burnt out cars dumped on a river bank. Thirdly the annual inspection requirement, itself twice what all other areas impose, means that a vessel breaking free from a registered mooring must be a rare occurrence and if it does, then that would qualify as an Act of God for which no one is to blame.

Lastly, the harbour master has on file all the necessary contact details with which to trace the ownership or legal responsibility for any vessel using a registered mooring so it must be a simple matter to recover these costs either from the owner or their insurer.

It is unjust and inequitable to coerce those mooring owners who are meeting all their obligations to have to pay for either the negligence of another or a simple accidental event.

To impose this charge would be unlawful.

I would like to make a verbal submission.

**Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on):**

**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**

**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?** . Word of mouth

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