

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? No

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

To reduce rate rise and focus on core activities .

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

Rate increase limited to no more than 10% and programmes reduced to a responsible budget.

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?

Priority given to land, water, flood protection and biosecurity . Remove renewing subregional plans by 2024 and demand government recognise the 60m ratepayers have spent on developing plans.

Expenditure items like leading community resilience, investing in the future,enviro schools, youth engagement,climate change resilience and me uru rakau with high rate payer cost and no tangible outcomes to be scaled back or dropped

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
. Biodiversity and Biosecurity

Water and Land portfolio comments:

Do not support changing existing plans to align with EFW has Ecan no confidence in the work it has done previously. Ecan owes its rate payers for their investment in existing plans to 2035 and also risks losing the support of the rural community in disregarding ratepayers past investment.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

Support Biosecurity protecting against weed and pest infestation some river projects are ill conceived, EFW could put wetland restoration at risk Ecan should look hard at some of the preposed new new rules.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

Not affordable for rural ratepayers.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Not affordable to rural ratepayers.

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?

Not sustainable for rural ratepayers.

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?

Borrowing just delays and increases the cost, spend less in the first place.

Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy? No

Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?

These charges will cost rural ratepayers excessively more.

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 . Other initiative/s

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

Positive MAR project with good results.

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?

May common sense prevail for the good of all.

if you would like to give feedback via video, add a link to a downloadable YouTube clip or Dropbox file below No

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?

- . Word of mouth
- . Meeting, hui or event
- . Email

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