

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?

If appears ECAN long term plan is heading in the wrong direction, land and water resource management, biosecurity and biodiversity protection, flood control has the council (thru the taxpayers) forgotten that already has spent 60 million and i believe now we are have to start this whole process again as central government has changed the playing field. Ecan need to stand up to central govenment and say we have already invested in a plan, we have spent many thousand dollars on getting our FEP plans etc up to date and successfully received a A but yet this doesnt appear to be enough for this govt!!!

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

rate rises should not be the planned 25%, especially since we have all had to deal with Covid many business are struggling, the rural communities should not be the ones who have to cover the costs that the council want to achieve there dreams, the urban needs to step up maybe they need the 25% and the rural have like 2%

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?

remind government that they need to recognise the 60 million already spent (rate payer) and now they want to start again!!

stop supporting feel good programmes, such as repainting all buses

wasting taxpayer money on electric buses yet they cost more to buy/ and run than buses previously owned and run on diesel !! it feels like this is becoming a communist comrade Ms Ardern state run!!

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

Water and Land	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):	<input type="checkbox"/> Water and Land
	<input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity and Biosecurity
	<input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change and Community Resilience
	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional and Strategic Leadership

Water and Land portfolio comments:

ridiculous that already 60 million has been spent and has nothing to show for it.
ecan will lose the support of the rural community if it continues with these increases in our rates,
the council need to stand up to the greater force of this government stop wasting our money!!
please we have had a year from hell regarding Covid businesses can not afford these increases,

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

we support biosecurity but some of these other feel good programmes relating to me uru amd braided rivers should be deferred until we can afford it

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

we support flood work, but all talk about community resilience sounds like some university pin striped suit people being paid large amounts of money without gaining anything from it

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

the rural communities should not have to be made to pay for urban transport etc as realistically how many rural people use public transport cant imagine that buses will be provided from the township of mayfield into town.

u want to reduce greenhouse gas emissions but yet 30 years ago we had very similar emissions from agriculture that we have now. please explain that,

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

no way should ECAN be putting money into environmental school programmes, this should be ministry of education responsibility not the rural taxpayers,
these are the responsibility of the central government not taxpayers
disappointed with this council !

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

the ECAN chair has no thought for the rural communities, our rate rise will be between 5-6 thousand dollars but yet the rural communities aren't able to put the price of there commodities up we have been paid the same amount for our crops for at least the last few years but yet everyone providing services to the agriculture are putting their prices up, does the council not remember when the country had the 80 crash ashburton town was struggling, then once the dairy came to ashburton look how the township has exploded and economically is doing well but if you continue with these planned rate increases many farms will not be able to continue
good to watch the council meeting on the 7th april and not agreeing to option 1 or 2!

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

t is very easy for ECAN to spend our money we have to work long hours, and take risks in order to make a living, if you folks did the same i might have more sympathy we should not be the scapegoat for David Parkers hate of the rural community.

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 ECAN chair says the people of Christchurch can easily afford it, so let them pay so why should we be put out of business.

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 you borrow large amounts that is only going to add to the cost, therefore costing more, borrowing does not save money just delays and increases the cost

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?

we do support changes in principal, but they have to be fair the way we read it, it seems we could being charged twice for everything
if you are going to have huge excessive rate rises as proposed (option 1 and 2) then i oppose these changes as they once again the farmer will be left with this cost!!!

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

But have the people in hinds plains been asked if this is what they want, as i imagine it will be expensive but would rather we spend money on projects that will deliver positive outcomes like the MAR project than many other projects that ECAN are proposing

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?

once again am disappointed that the Green party continue to blame the rural community for all the pollution. In the 1990s we were carbon neutral as it was stated by Helen Clark (ex prime minister) that the rural emissions are the same today as they were then, yes more cows but 15 million less

sheep that cancels the other out, 1.5 million more people farting and running 3 times as many cars certainly does not help.

remember during the covid lockdown when very little vehicles on the roads, did the emission change! but yet the agricultural environment was still working and no lockdown for the farmers, ECAN need to remember what damage these rate rises could do the rural community more suicide, depression, people walking off the land !!! as financially this is a huge increase but yet farmers income do not increase to cover these new costs,

hopefully ECAN will stop and really think what they about to do to our area especially the rural communities.

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
- . Newspaper
- . Meeting, hui or event

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