

## 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

**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?**

Climate change mitigation and pest/predator management do indeed need urgent consideration and addressing.

Transport for Timaru and Christchurch are not of benefit to Canterbury rural communities who pay separately for needed alternatives and options through Community vehicles. Buses also need to be in climate sympathy through use of full EV options. Maybe Taxis also need a similar directive?

Infrastructure is a little more than just roads. Ageing sewage systems and expanding populations need planning to cater for upgrading and expansion. Infrastructure seems to be very lightly addressed in the Planning processes.

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

<b>Water and Land</b>	Yes
<b>Biodiversity and Biosecurity</b>	Yes
<b>Climate Change and Community Resilience</b>	Yes
<b>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</b>	Yes
<b>Regional and Strategic Leadership</b>	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
- ☐ Climate Change and Community Resilience
- ☐ Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development

#### **Water and Land portfolio comments:**

Water and land are symbiotic. Sure it should rely on a scientific platform but should also consider landowner groups through water schemes and their ongoing stewardship of the land. They have the recorded support for the science to benefit. Compliance costs are one of the biggest negatives to survival of our agricultural communities.

#### **Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:**

Climate change is a subject that gets a mention in every activity we practice and is influenced directly by our actions and reactions. From our transport through compliance considerations, our carbon footprint gets manipulated to some degree. Transport and agriculture are the greatest direct influences and we must concentrate on getting the biggest bang for our buck.

Through Earthquakes and Tsunamis, Micoplasma Bovis and now COVID-19 we have been stretched to breaking point with respect to our community resilience. Very active farming support and counselling services and psychiatric support mechanisms have thus far weaved their magic through the rural and peripheral urban environments. Our resilience will be tested for sure by the proposed rates increases particularly those properties that have already been hard hit by no-benefit zoning changes and associated large rate increases.

#### **Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:**

Air quality in Canterbury is ludicrous. Burn-offs in areas where inversion layers are commonplace have adverse effects on air quality and drastically effect the health of everyone in the region. For those with respiratory issues a multiplier of discomfort that seriously impacts and even rides roughshod over everyone's rights to clean fresh air.

Transport and roading development are similarly compromised. Roads are dangerous in the south (two passing lanes immediately out of Timaru heading to Waimate or Oamaru, another new one southbound at Otaio and then nothing until the northbound one at Pukeuri. and traffic densities that offer few passing opportunities in between. A recipe for disaster and you see risky behaviour on every outing.

Urban Development is stupified and nothing in the 10 year plan will shake some sense into the planning process. New housing developments are stalled through lack of Local Government planning for new expansive development initiatives. Sewage Infrastructure is currently being band-aided to keep essential services functioning but the talked about new planning for expanded infrastructure seems to never become reality. Each time there is an approach made for rezoning to smaller section sizes in areas ripe for urban expansion, during the planning processes the status quo remains and nothing changes.

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

**Any further comments on affordability for your household?**



We are a large house in the country. We pay rural water scheme rates that are double the urban rate and the water is sold by the Council to the urban scheme and on-charged to us. Our Our mail is rural. Our rates are urban as is our 110ha rural property next door calculated on a subsidised area scheme. We pay more rates than our urban associates due to the high capital value on our 100yr+ homestead. We already more than pay our share for very little value-add (narrow roads, no street lighting, no stormwater guttering, having to supply and maintain our own low-pressure restricted water supply, et al.

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

**Any further comments on affordability for the community?**

Everyone is on the bones of their backsides after BOVIS and now COVID which still continue on. The Aussies are soon coming back but they didnt rent our rural cottages through AirBnB. International tourists wont be back for at least another 2 years so hard times will be with us for some time yet.

**Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges?** Yes

**Any further comments on Uniform Annual General Charges?**

As long as they remain fair and equitable and not get embroiled into targeted rates

**Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates?** Yes

**Any further comments on the use of borrowing for operating expenditure?**

Nil comment

**Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy?** Yes

**Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?**

No

**Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below:** Waimate 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**

**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**

<b>Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waimate</b>	.	On-demand public transport services
	.	Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality

**Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waitaki**

**Any further comments?**

No

<b>Do you wish to speak to your submission?</b>	No
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<b>Would you like to be kept up-to-date with the outcome of this consultation?</b>	Yes
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<b>How did you find out about giving feedback?</b>	.	Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
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