

Comments

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Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?	No, I'm submitting as an individual
Which age category are you in?	-
Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?	No
Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?	Other option (please specify)
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):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Water and Land . Biodiversity and Biosecurity . Climate Change and Community Resilience . Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development

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

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

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

Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy? Don't know

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

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? Yes

We may use your phone number to contact you to arrange attendance at a hearing. This information will be kept private.

Phone number

How did you find out about giving feedback? . Meeting, hui or event

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

Feedback form

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Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury) is the regional council for Waitaha the Canterbury region. We are taking action together to shape a thriving and resilient Canterbury, now and for future generations.

Our Long-Term Plan sets out the activities, priorities and work programmes we propose to deliver over a 10-year period. It also outlines the costs and how they could be funded.

Please review the Consultation Document and Supplementary Information at haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/LTP for more details.



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Ways to submit this form:

By mail (no stamp required):

LTP submission, Freepost 1201, Environment Canterbury, PO Box 345, Christchurch 8140

By email:

mailroom@ecan.govt.nz subject line: LTP submission

Online:

You can fill out an online version of this form at haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/LTP

Tell us what you think

By making a submission you agree that Environment Canterbury may use and publish that feedback, including your name and contact details. If you do not wish for your personal details to be made public, please indicate this in your submission.

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Tell us about you

Name

Eric Duff

Address

Postcode

Phone number

Mobile number

Email

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

☐ Yes, I'm submitting on behalf of an organisation

☒ No, I'm submitting as an individual

Which organisation are you submitting on behalf of?

The following questions are optional, but will help us make better decisions and ensure we're hearing from people across the region.

Which age category are you in?

☐ 0-14 ☐ 15-24 ☒ 25-39 ☐ 40-64 ☐ 65+

Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No
☐ Don't know

Any further comments?

Ecan need to prioritise biosecurity, flood control, land and water management, but ecan seems to be more focused on renewing plans to conform with EFW.

Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?

- ☐ Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives
☐ Option 2: statutory work and prior commitments
☒ Other option (please specify)

Rates rises need to be capped, we cannot afford 25% increases in our rates.

Tell us what you would like to keep in the plan, what you think should be removed, and anything that you think we have missed?

Recognise the 60million we have already spent on developing plans. Too much overlapping with central government. Priority needs to be ~~on~~ rural issues like land, water, pest control, biosecurity

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

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water and Land | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity and Biosecurity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change and Community Resilience | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional and Strategic Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |

Water and Land portfolio comments:

Ecan needs to trust the work we have done in the last 10 years. Ecan risks losing the rural support if they are reckless with our money.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity comments:

Support wetland restoration

Climate Change and Community Resilience comments:

Support Flood and rise resilience
Do not support Climate change resilience, not an
appropriate use of money

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development comments:

Not fair to fund public transport which is not
accessible to rural people. Urban development around
Inverdon and Redstone seem to have no environmental outcomes.

Regional and Strategic Leadership comments:

Environ schools and youth engagement should be
Government funded.

Affordability/how we're proposing to pay for these activities

Tell us your view on the affordability of the proposed increase in total rates revenue (under Option 1 or Option 2). Please check our rates calculator ratescalculator.ecan.govt.nz as the increase will be different for different ratepayers, depending on your property and land value and location.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household?

- ☐ Option 1 is affordable
☐ Option 2 is affordable
☒ Neither option is affordable

Any further comments on affordability?

5k a year is not affordable. especially when
we are lumped with extra consent and compliance
costs on top of rate increase.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No
☐ Don't know

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Ecan needs to show us a realistic budget.
No sign of this in this plan

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

- ☐ Yes
☒ No
☐ Don't know

Any further comments on how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges?

Costs of running Ecan should fall on the people of Chesh. The UAGC should be \$100 household.

Borrowing

Borrowing can be used to spread the burden of a high-cost activity over several years. We usually consider it appropriate to spread the cost of an activity because the benefit of the activity lasts the same time or longer than the repayment period. With a potential 10-year loan period, repayments would have some impact on rates for 13 years.

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

- ☐ Yes
☒ No
☐ Don't know

Any further comments on borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates?

The rate rise is unaffordable. Borrowing doesn't save money just delays the extra costs

Fees and Charges

Our Fees and Charges Policy sets out how much users will pay for activities like consents, compliance and monitoring, harbourmaster and navigation safety, and holding events in regional parks and forests.

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

- ☒ Yes
☒ No
☐ Don't know

Any further comments on the draft Fees and Charges Policy?

These changes will cost rural ratepayers more, I support the changes in principle, if they are accompanied by huge and excessive rate rises as proposed then I oppose these changes as they end up costing farmers twice.

Local projects and new initiatives

We're also seeking feedback on whether we should continue investing in some of our existing projects that are funded by targeted rates or try these new initiatives in other districts. New projects will not commence until 2024.

Should we continue investing in MyWay by Metro, Timaru's on-demand public transport service, after the trial period is completed?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ Don't know

Any further comments?

That's for Timaru

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 to the local Hinds Plains community between the Ashburton and Rangitata Rivers. Do you want to see this project continue?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Any further comments?

This is upto the hinds community to decide.

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area?
(please select all those that apply)

- ☐ On-demand public transport services
- ☒ Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality
- ☒ Other initiative/s (please specify)

Support sensible catchment decisions like water storage and water recycling if they help with climate change

Supporting documents

Please attach any documents to support your submission.



Public hearings

If you would like to speak to your submission at a hearing with Environment Canterbury's Council let us know. We will be in touch to arrange once submissions have closed. Hearings will be held on 27, 28 April and 4 May 2021.

Do you wish to speak to your submission?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

There is personal information/contact details in my submission I do not want disclosed

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Tell us which information you do not want disclosed:

Where did you hear about the consultation?

- ☒ Meeting, hui or event ☐ Environment Canterbury website ☐ Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) ☐ Radio
☐ Postcard ☐ Newspaper ☐ Email ☐ Word of mouth ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Any further comments?

Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to make a submission on the draft Long-Term Plan 2021-31.