

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? 15– 24 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?

Problems with making the right people pay the right rates.

Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with? Option 2: statutory work and prior commitments

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

Water and Land	No
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Unsure
Climate Change and Community Resilience	No

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Yes

Regional and Strategic Leadership Unsure

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

Water and Land portfolio comments:

The fact you are backtracking on \$60m you just spent is ludicrous. Now not only are you going back on it, but you're making Joe average pay for it! \$25 to \$45 rates? Absolutely nuts. Get your head out of your proverbial and realise who pays you for what.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household? Option 2 is affordable

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

We cannot sustain such increases as both a community of farmers and a community of Cantabrians. You need to do your statutory job and leave it at that. You are not a business looking to expand.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

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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

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

...do you not think we've done enough borrowing?! Get off your train of spending.

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

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

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

So far it has done a good job in supporting many farmers abide by your regulations on taking water from drains.

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?

The fact you charge people that live in rural areas such as Hinds, Rangitata and Rakia rates that pay for the buses and other metropolitan things in Christchurch is absurd. Sort out the zoning for rates. Provide a yearly breakdown on what that zones rates are being spent on - and be honest with them! Don't say you're "looking after waterways" say you're "Measuring water flow in drains" as an example. It's the very least you can do for farmers who pay you to take away their rights and sell them back to them.

As an aside, you're a local government organisation not an expanding business. Treat yourself like one. You don't need to increase rates to do this and do that. Stop growing. There's only so much land to govern with your iron fist.

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? . Newspaper

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