

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
Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:	
Water and Land	Yes
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Yes
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	Yes
Regional and Strategic Leadership	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
- . Biodiversity and Biosecurity
- . Climate Change and Community Resilience
- . Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development

Water and Land portfolio comments:

I am concerned that ECan are rolling over existing irrigation consents and issuing consents for water bottling with no public consultation.

The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 strengthens and clarifies Te Mana o te Wai by providing stronger direction on how Te Mana o te Wai should be applied when managing freshwater.

Regional councils must give effect to Te Mana o te Wai by actioning the five key requirements of Te Mana o te Wai - for example, regional councils must apply the hierarchy of obligations when implementing the NPS-FM 2020.

This hierarchy means prioritising the health and well-being of water first. The second priority is the health needs of people (such as drinking water) and the third is the ability of people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural well-being.

ECan by rolling over existing irrigation consents and issuing consents for water bottling with no public consultation is bypassing and ignoring the first two hierarchies of Te Mana o te Wai and now that we have a democratically elected Council steps must be taken to immediately correct this fault.

Other initiatives in relation to this portfolio are:

1. Scrap any further funding of Managed Aquifer Recharge projects. At best they are just robbing Peter to pay Paul, and a licence to continue polluting.
2. Set aside funds (probably under the Freshwater Regulation Framework) to investigate ways in which we can legally strengthen our Regional Plan to ensure no new water bottling consents can be granted, and to block the conversion of existing consents.
3. Set aside funds (probably under Regional and Strategic Leadership) for programs to convert dairy farms to alternative land uses, including employing or engaging experts in regenerative land and farming practices, community engagement, advocacy to central Government and lobbying for funding.
4. Set aside funds to drive a review of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy to bring it into consistency with Te Mana o te Wai, including removing any support for increased irrigation.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

Our very existence is dependent on the survival of our biodiversity. Allowing large scale irrigation and intensive farming practices along with the associated synthetic nitrogen fertilisers to continue is destroying our rivers and streams and associated biodiversity to the stage where most of our native fauna is near extinct or endangered.

We must reverse these practices and encourage alternative land uses such as regenerative farming and returning the Canterbury plains to its natural "dryland" state along with its associated dryland crops.

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

I welcome the climate education funding in option 1, and would like more climate education and for it to emphasise need for collective action and systemic change, rather than individual consumer changes. I believe that Te Tiriti compliant participatory and deliberative democracy on a local level will be crucial in our climate response, and that Ecan should be trialling these sorts of initiatives

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

I would like more funding to develop mass rapid transport. I support cheap or free public transport, and raising the age at which young people pay adult rates. I would like cycling and public transport to be prioritised more over car use.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household? Option 1 is affordable

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

For most households this will cost less than 2 dollars per week.

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?

I would like this to be reduced to zero. I strongly support progressive ways of funding Ecan, charging the rich more and poor people less. (UAGC is a part of the rates that all households pay equally. By reducing this component of the rates to Zero, and relying on other rates components to fund Ecan, we make sure that the rich pay more, and poor people may even pay less rates than they do currently. This is just and sensible.)

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? Yes

Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below: Christchurch city including Banks Peninsula

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 . On-demand public transport services
Other initiative/s (please specify)

Other initiative/s (please specify) Christchurch

I will repeat the initiatives I recommend under the land and water portfolio:

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4. Set aside funds to drive a review of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy to bring it into consistency with Te Mana o te Wai, including removing any support for increased irrigation.

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

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?

Now we have the chance for our elected representatives to overturn the horror of the Central Government appointed commissioners!

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?

- . Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- . Environment Canterbury website
- . Meeting, hui or event
- . Email

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