

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?

Land and water resource management and flood control. Also biodiversity

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

Focus on core activities and keep rate rise to a minimum. There is no need to spend more money on replacing the existing subregional plans which communities have already agreed on, working on and paid for (\$60million). These sub-regional plans are already on a pathway to achieving the new water reform objectives.

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?

Ecan should be insisting the government recognise what Ecan and the community has agreed upon in their sub-regional plans and not be replaced by Essential Fresh water plans. \$60 million! has already been spent!! In order to decrease the increase in rates projects such as: Enviro schools, Leading community resilience, youth engagement, investing for the future, climate change resilience and Me Uru Rakau should not come under rate payers cost. Core activities should be funded and prioritised such as Habitat protection and restoration, biosecurity, flood protection and land & water

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): . Water and Land

Water and Land portfolio comments:

Ecan risk alienating and disengaging the communities that have been involved in the sub-regional plans including time, money and resources. It is important that any plan is allowed time to succeed when communities have accepted change is required. Change and improvements are and would continue to occur if allowed to proceed with the original plan without spending millions more to duplicate the same plans with further changes.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

These changes will cost us close to \$10,000 extra. This is definitely not affordable. It is not fair that the rural sector should be paying some much more than urban dwellers

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Ecan should be prioritising its expenditure in order to generate a budget that is affordable and fair for all communities

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?

Support increasing the use of the Uniform Annual General charge so People using and benefiting from the services pay for the services rather than by Properties

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?

Ecan needs to learn to live within its means. It should not be proposing what appears to be an unlimited wish list budget

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

Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?

We support responsible rate increases that are fairly distributed. We do not support that rural rate payers are being unfairly charged for projects that are not necessary or affordable, or a duplicate of work/plans already expensed previously

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

Should be up to Hekeao Hinds community. This project is already achieving promising results which will help meet Ecan's and the wider communities objectives.

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

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
- . Meeting, hui or event

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

Tell us which information you do not want disclosed: No name please