

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?	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?

I think the public transport needs to be revisited. As a regular bus user it was very disappointing to see that the timetables have been changed so that buses do not come as frequently during the busy times of the morning and evening. While I appreciate that bus numbers dropped during COVID (very understandable given we have experienced a global pandemic) you will not increase the number of bus users by reducing the frequency of trips during the busiest times of the day. The one thing that will encourage bus use is if it is quicker and more convenient than using your car. But if the time between buses is too long people simply won't see taking the bus as a convenient option.

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

Water and Land	Yes
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Yes
Climate Change and Community Resilience	Yes
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	Unsure
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):

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

I believe that as a community we cannot continue to talk about climate change and do nothing - we need to take action.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

There are many families who will find this increase in rates unaffordable. Is there a way of increasing the rates based on household income?

Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges? Don't know

Any further comments on Uniform Annual General Charges?

I don't believe that this is explained very well in the consultation material.

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?

I only support this in the current low interest rate environment. Operational expenditure should always be covered by income and not require borrowing, however that said, given the increased changes proposed and the current interest rates I believe that borrowing is sustainable. But I would not like to see it become common practice.

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

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

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? . Environment Canterbury website

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