

Comments

LTP 2021-31

Comment ID 630

Response Date 9/04/21 7:43 AM

Status Processed

Submission Type Web

Version 0.6

Files

First name Keith

Surname Townshend

Email address

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):

- . 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

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: -

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

Would you like to be kept up-to-date with the outcome of this consultation? Yes

How did you find out about giving feedback?

Your information is held and administered by Environment Canterbury in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and Environment Canterbury's Privacy Policy.

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

From:
To:
Subject: Scan Data from FX-D6B6B7
Date: Thursday, 8 April 2021 2:53:22 pm
Attachments: [08042021145209-0001.pdf](#)

Number of Images: 6
Attachment File Type: PDF

Device Name: ApeosPort-V C2275 T2
Device Location:

Feedback form

Puka urupare

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.

Consultation closes Sunday 11 April 2021.

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.

Your information is held and administered by Environment Canterbury in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and Environment Canterbury's Privacy Policy.

Tell us about you

Name Keith Townshend

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?

Water resource management and flood control are priority. Ratepayer investment of \$55-60m should be recognised. Plans already in place are sufficient and central govt need to be made aware.

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)

Reduce programmes to accommodate a maximum 8% rate rise. The proposed 25% increase in rates is ~~totally~~ totally unreasonable.

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?

Unprofitable projects should be removed eg environmental schools, youth engagement, climate change - there have an endless pit for finance. Priority to flood control + protection, biosecurity, land and water project habitat restoration. Return on investment is paramount.

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

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------|
| <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:

Ecari is well ahead of other Regional Councils - we need pushback with regards to EFW demands as the work has been done over the last 8-10 years.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity comments:

Support wetland restoration, native plantings

Climate Change and Community Resilience comments:

Oppose climate change actions. The science is more fear-based and emotionally driven, far from the actual reality.

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development comments:

Every household should have the right to have a fire in their dwelling. Transport must retain the targeted rates funding system. Urban sprawl is a waste of productive land.

Regional and Strategic Leadership comments:

No funding for educational activities

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?

The rural community is being unfairly burdened. Urban dwellers should be on equal rates rises. As rural ratepayers we have exception to being singled out especially with all compliance costs increasing.

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?

This is an extremely reckless demand when a normal moderate rate increase would be acceptable. We vote councillors to offer to manage our council with respect. We are not seeing this currently.

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?

UAGC should be \$110 per household for Christchurch

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?

Capital should never be borrowed to fund rates.
For a specific programme requiring capital funds eg library, swimming pool - yes. But not for general funds.
That is regarded as - "good business management".

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?

No changes unless there is equitable urban/rural rates

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?

For Timaru to decide

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?

Hinds people 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)

MAR delivering positive results -

Water storage to offset dry summers benefits
all New Zealanders

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?

My hope is commerce will prevail.

Thank you

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