

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

Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities? No

What do you feel are the significant challenges and opportunities we face?

It is with shock the announcement the 24.5% rate increase proposed by the regional council . It is not that the rate increase is a one off but this increase will be added to by a further 25% increase over the next few years . The reason for the increase is to implement the Governments fresh water plan. No account is been given to all the work that has been done in recent times by catchment groups so this new proposal will be a a repeat of the work all ready done. It is a bit like building a shed on a farm . Part way through the build some one comes along and says that it is slightly out of alignment and you you have to start again . Any one with any sense would say that is not material and with a small changes that can be worked around . I would have thought that after all this planning work had been done the would not be the ongoing cost going forward . If not it would be like building a new shed every year. There seems to be view that ratepayers have a endless ability to pay . There should be amore balanced approach . Increasing the UAC is an obvious step . A \$60 UFC should be the minimum It is not the regional councils job to take on educational project in schools.

The argument that the chair of the regional council put up the rate increase is only a small amount in total scheme of things is not valid Any one in business knows projects have to be justified, budgets met and costs controlled

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

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?

See Above

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

Water and Land	No
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	No
Climate Change and Community Resilience	Unsure
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	Unsure
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): . Regional and Strategic Leadership

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

See above

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

see above

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

see above

Any further comments on Uniform Annual General Charges?

Should go to at least \$60

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?

See Above

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

Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?

See Above

Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below: Waimate 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

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 . Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality

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? . Email

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