

Comments

LTP 2021-31

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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 need stronger action in all areas which relate to supporting our environment in line with Te Mana o te Wai including healthy waterways that sustain fish and bird life and that we can swim in, (Water and Land, Biodiversity and Biosecurity, Water and Land, Climate Change and Community Resilience) as well as further reductions to carbon emissions by more rapid changes to public transport and supporting natural environments (Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development, Biodiversity and Biosecurity, and Water and Land), just for starters. I am happy to pay more rates to support this.

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

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| Water and Land | Yes |
| Biodiversity and Biosecurity | Yes |
| Climate Change and Community Resilience | Yes |
| Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development | Yes |
| Regional and Strategic Leadership | Yes |

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| 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 |
| | . Regional and Strategic Leadership |

Water and Land portfolio comments:

I am very concerned about the issue of nitrates in water and feel this encompasses both Water and Land, Biodiversity and Biosecurity (due to endangerment and extinction of native and introduced fish and bird species and impacts on the health of our braided rivers and also Regional and Strategic Leadership, where repeatedly ECan has made decisions that place business first over people and the health of our environment (e.g. consents for overseas water bottling, over allowance of irrigation so that rivers such as the Selwyn River are in a very very poor state of health and nitrate levels in groundwater have risen rapidly, consent processes including the present consent renewal for MHV which does not allow for input from the public who will be directly impacted by the decisions made). The majority of the people of Canterbury need to come before the needs of a few.

I would like nitrate polluters to pay heavily to address these issues, and I would like permissible nitrate levels reduced to Danish study amounts of 0.87 mg/l, and Ecan to take much stronger steps in changing rules, lobbying central government, and monitoring and enforcement.

We are relying on you to ensure our drinking water is safe for the next generation and at the moment this is looking very unlikely. This is irresponsible management and I feel ashamed at the problems we are passing along to our rangatahi.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

As above

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

I support the climate education funding in option 1, and would like more climate education (e.g. strengthening Enviro Schools) and for it to emphasise the 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 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.

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

See 13.

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| Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household? | Option 1 is affordable |
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Any further comments on affordability for your household?

I would be happy to pay more rates to support stronger and more rapid action.

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

No

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

I support general rates increase but not the UAGC as detailed below in 23.

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

Any further comments on the use of borrowing for operating expenditure?

There is likely to be considerable future costs as we work towards repairing our waterways and land and I feel that loans would be better used here. This will further support our rangatahi.

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 would much rather we reduce the amount of water we take from rivers and reduce the amount of nitrate pollution than aquifer recharge. This seems a back to front approach to managing fresh water

quality that continues to place business and the needs of a few over the environment and the needs of many

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?

I would like to thank councilors Lan Pham, Vicki Southworth and Craig Pauling for their time in explaining the details of the proposed LTP and encouraging public submissions.

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? . Meeting, hui or event

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