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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

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?

Management of the environment effectively and staying in touch with the pace at which growth drives changes.

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

Option 1 is a broadly worded and non accountable terminology. It does not make real "accountable" policy making sense.
For example water management is so underfunded and lacking. Our part of the country is forecast to become drier (climate change) and yet so many aspects of water management are out of touch with the residents perception of what should be done with water as a resource.

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?

One thing that is most definitely missed is the fact that many of the authorities are not “connected” and to manage effectively - there needs to be a more simplistic layer of management and effective handover and communication responsibility.

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

Water and Land	No
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:

Effective water management is required for water purity (pollution) and water storage. The fact clean bore water is exported when agricultural, pollution and storage facilities are either neglected or restricted shows the portfolio is mismanaged. Public perception of this is very strong and demand for change is growing rapidly.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

If we are to protect the environment we all have to play our part and it does mean making a financial contribution. However, the spending and targeting of the effective use of the increased rates is in question.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Canterbury is a growing region and Selwyn in particular is a highly desirable part of the country to live. It most definitely has more affluence than many other regions. The earthquakes have stimulated many industries and driven growth to allow those companies to grow.

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?

Most people would require more information

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?

Borrowing is feasible when predicting against future growth. Growth will bring increased revenues so providing borrowing is linked to anticipated growth in revenues it can be supported.

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?

No

Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below: Selwyn 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 . Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality

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 do feel management of the environment is key to attracting residents, businesses, tourism, international inward investment.
Management of Canterbury's environment is seriously underfunded, misunderstood and too complicated.

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? . Email

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