

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
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?	
Support all the streams of work in Option 1	
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 Yes

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):

- . 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:

1. Support fast-tracking the creation of management plans for each of the braided rivers from source to sea.
2. The protection and restoration of wetlands must continue to be a high priority with adequate funding.
3. Please ensure terrestrial and water ecologists are part of the decision making on braided rivers and wetlands - this is the only way that what is produced has credibility and will have the environmental outcomes sort.
4. Support the Coastal Plan Review - this is urgent - our oceans continue to decline.
5. Fund highly effective community groups such as the Avon Heathcote Ihutai Estuary Trust. This trust delivers on many of ECan's work streams such as educating the public on how to protect the estuary, funding research on estuary ecosystems and the impact of human activity on estuary bird life.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

1. Protect what remains. Tilt the balance in the budget from planting to protecting what remains of our biodiversity. Use strategies such as fencing, pest control and land purchases with high biodiversity values
2. Fund the Trusts that are more able and agile to do this such as the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust and the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust. Two highly efficient and effective organisations delivering on ECan's vision for biodiversity.
3. Support the continued funding for Pest Free Banks Peninsula - this is a model of how communities have come together to tackle a problem. However, the scope of Pest Free means that new invasions such as pigs found in Kaituna Valley are not covered so additional funding strand is needed to be agile for such events
4. Research has shown that wasps are increasingly impacting on native invertebrate species - part of our native ecosystem food chain is collapsing. Request that wasps are added to the biosecurity portfolio

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

Support all work in this portfolio. Support ECan demonstrating what it is doing for reversing climate change impacts. Support mitigation such as its work in preventing soil loss, promoting carbon sequestration through regeneration of native forests, increasing the number of regional parks and farmers' efforts to protect wetlands and the braided rivers a farm may adjoin.

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

1. Support the continued focus on improving air quality in all centres
2. Support on- demand transport in Timaru
3. Support working towards electric bus services and rapid transport solutions and dedicated bus lanes
4. Urban Development. Creating liveable cities: 15 minutes walk to all services including parks. Neighbourhoods that provide active ways of getting around such as footpaths and off road cycleways must be at the forefront of urban planning decisions in the Greater Christchurch Partnership

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

1. Support partnership with Ngai Tahu and Tuia programme within ECan
2. Support increasing funding for EnviroSchools - educating the next generation is the key to the future

well-being of the planet

3. Support funding for Youth Forum and all work with young people

4. Support the development of instruments to gather robust data on which to make decisions. Biodiversity data will be an essential part of this to determine if actions are improving outcomes for biodiversity or not

4. I support ECan to be a leader in protecting and restoring healthy natural ecosystems and encouraging not just good agricultural practices but regenerative ones.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

I support a rate increase to restore and regenerate nature. Cleaning up rivers, restoring and protecting healthy forests and oceans require the funds to do this.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Rates based on property values I believe are the fairest way to tax us for these services. Targeted rates are suitable for particular services provided

Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges? Yes

Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates? Yes

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

Banks Peninsula is the closest area to the highest population in the region. It is a place where Christchurch residents go to recreate and restore their well being. A big part of the attraction is the access to nature to walk or bike. ECan by investing and protecting the biodiversity of this area through pest control and the purchase of land for biodiversity and public access also protects the harbours and waterways. Those Trusts and community groups working on the Banks Peninsula who contribute to ECan's vision of growing healthy waterways and harbours need ECan's backing and support.

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?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I wish the staff and councillors all the best in the decision-making process.

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?

- . Postcard
- . Word of mouth
- . Newspaper
- . Meeting, hui or event

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