

## 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?**

Administration of water rights

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

proposed rate rise is immoral anything over 10% is not acceptable, budgets should be reduced to fit with a responsible figure, wrong for there to be proposed such a huge rate rise in one year, something is definitely wrong or is it corrupt! Please focus on core activities.

**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?**

Subregional plans by 2024 appears to be a no go - demand of government that they recognize the huge amount \$60m we as rate payers have already spent in developing plans.  
You have many items that could well do with being scaled back or dropped. e.g. leading community

resilience, enviro schools, youth engagement, climate change resilience, and me uru rakau involve spending a lot of rate payers money with no tangible outcomes.  
Priority should be given to land and water, flood protection, habitat protection plus restoration.

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

<b>Water and Land</b>	Yes
<b>Biodiversity and Biosecurity</b>	Yes
<b>Climate Change and Community Resilience</b>	No
<b>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</b>	No
<b>Regional and Strategic Leadership</b>	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

**Water and Land portfolio comments:**

why support having to redo all plans to align with the EFW. This surely suggests that Ecan has no confidence in all the previous work done in the past 10 years.  
Yes Ecan has a responsibility to its rate payers it must respect our existing plans until they run out (pc2 in 2035). Ecan risks losing support of the rural community if it shows reclass disregard for the past investment of ratepayers.

**Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:**

Certainly support biosecurity and some parts of the biodiversity plan e.g. wetland restoration, and other at risk habitat areas, support zc immediate steps funding. I express concern that the braided river and me uru projects are ill conceived in long term costs caring for plantings and protecting against weed infestation.  
Some projects should be delayed for some year to ease the rate burden. EFW puts wetland restoration at risk. Ecan should be wary of some of the new rules.

**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

**Any further comments on affordability for the community?**

Ecan is definitely over ambitious when it comes to spending other money. Rural folk and many urban are not in a cost plus exercise, it is not possible to pass cost on. Ecan should know this and respect the fact. This plan indicates a group of over ambitious people with a negative concern for those they represent.

**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?**

uniform annual charges are a good form of leveling costs amongst the people and spreads the burden of rates into a more user pays regime.

**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?**

Borrowing can only increase the costs in the long term, a false policy for a regional body. Spend less a better policy

**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?**

This is a yes no question, may be fees higher and rates lower would be a wise choice.

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

**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

**Any further comments on Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge? Yes**



This appears a very good project, Again it is up to the people / farmers in that area Hinds particularly. There are question re costs that need addressing. Is this the a good investment? the question remains unanswered.

**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?**

Feed back from the public and rate payers is very important it is my request that Ecan take great care to take into account the views particularly of the rural landowners, they are the owners occupiers of the vast area of the Ecan regional council, listen to these folk, consult these folk and remember just who they are.

**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?**

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

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