

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? 40-64 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?

Affordability and equality. You seem to be assuming that all projects are affordable and viable without balancing the costs amongst all ratepayers, from what i have read of the document the burden seems to be loaded on the rural sector which includes small towns, lifestyle sections not just agriculture, The city ratepayers aren't facing massive rate rises, this could be classed as discriminatory.

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

This Long term plan seems to go beyond the remit of Ecan under the local body act. Fiscally irresponsible to load all projects on this plan with no thought to how it will be affordable and of benefit to all communities without huge increases in rates at a time when these are not affordable. Ecan need

to ensure that their base remit is flood protection, biosecurity, biodiversity and water resource management.

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?

Ecan and central government need to recognise that the costs already incurred for sub regional plans are viable and work already undertaken both by Ecan and communities must be allowed to continue, spending rate payers money twice on the same programme is fiscally irresponsible.

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

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

Water and Land portfolio comments:

Ecan has already encouraged the communities to improve their management on farm (through FEP), efficiencies' through bucket tests, targeted irrigation, reduction in synthetic Nitrogen, targeted baselines, if these are not good enough why did ECAN develop them in the first place if you don't have faith in them. The essential fresh water is a national strategy with a one size fits all approach which doesn't necessarily fit within all catchments.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

Essential fresh water does not wholly support wetland restoration, all new consents rural and urban should have an environment plan in place, this doesn't seem to fit within the efw for urban sectors, WHY NOT?

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

Limited impact on urban areas, development doesn't seem to have any targeted approach to environmental impacts, notable airport developments and compact detached developments on greenfield sites, where is the green space and restoration here

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

No access to public transport in rural areas except from district council rates these should not be included in rural rates through ecan

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

Stick to the ecan remit. Education guidance to education department accepted but not your responsibility to engage with this sector

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household? Neither option is affordable

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

Either proposal would place significant financial burden, the only way to afford to raise revenue to support this is through increased productivity, which is what we are already trying to maximise within the restraints put upon this business

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Business create budgets that are practical, affordable and give a long term gain. Ecan seem to have the idea that you can keep licking the bottom of the bowl and spending, rural ratepayers look like they are paying more for less

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?

Ecan are implying that costs should fall on the rural sector as they seem to perceive that they can afford it more than rural. This is definitely not the case for the majority, for sections that benefit people rather than business or capital value the UAGC should be \$100plus

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?

If you cant afford it from your income you don't spend. This is the case for big business or a single parent and should be the same for you. You only borrow for capital improvements not running costs.

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?

If these are 100% cost to user then rates should decrease pro rata as this could be double dipping

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 . Other initiative/s

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

Hinds plains benefit should be a Hinds plains decision, it will deliver more positive outcomes over time alongside the other rural initiatives already in place

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

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? . Environment Canterbury website
Newspaper
Meeting, hui or event

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