

## Comments

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<b>Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?</b>	No, I'm submitting as an individual
<b>Are you willing to tell us more about yourself?</b>	Yes
<b>Which age category are you in?</b>	15– 24 years old
<b>Which suburb or area do you live in?</b>	
<b>Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?</b>	Yes
<b>Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?</b>	Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives
<b>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?</b>	
<p>I like the investment into our environment. I think 24.5% is shocking, and seems quite a lot. But in the grand-scheme of things... I'd happily pay a LOT more, for the work that you guys do. I think not only is it essential for our future, but for the identity of the country on the world stage, and Canterbury's identity within that.</p> <p>I particularly like the community-work that you have going on.</p>	
<b>Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:</b>	
<b>Water and Land</b>	Yes

<b>Biodiversity and Biosecurity</b>	Yes
<b>Climate Change and Community Resilience</b>	Yes
<b>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</b>	Yes
<b>Regional and Strategic Leadership</b>	Yes

**Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on):**

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

**Any further comments on affordability for your household?**

I wouldn't mind at all, if the increase was around 30%, and that allowed ECan the ability to chase ambitious goals for the region. I think we should be aiming WELL above the statutory requirements here.

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

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

I think spend here (and rates for our local Council) is far more viable and cost-efficient than what we pay for rates. As a community, we get SO MUCH for our rates, for only around \$2,000 (for me) annually. Yet for around \$20,000 of taxes... I feel like I get contextually very little.

**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?**

I don't really understand this... but looking at the consultation document... I like investing in our youth engagement and education (I don't understand why we are dropping community engagement...?)

**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?**

Our community is now so indebted through various places at a local AND national level. I would rather see us pay our borrowing down, rather than lump the burden on future generations. They will have even greater challenges than now.

**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?**

I also don't really understand this at all. Can't see much about it in the consultation document.

**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
- . Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality
- . Other initiative/s (please specify)

**Other initiative/s (please specify) Christchurch**

I think... be bold in trying new initiatives. I don't understand aquifer recharge personally, but i'm in support of doing all we can.

**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?**

In general... I think the % increase seems very dramatic, but as i've mentioned, it's not a massive increase in terms of the net change to our household. We get a lot lot lot more from our rates than we do from our taxes, despite the difference being 10-fold. I'd be happy with even more than 25%, if it was being used in the right places.

**Do you wish to speak to your submission?**

No

**Would you like to be kept up-to-date with the outcome of this consultation?**

No

**How did you find out about giving feedback?** . Environment Canterbury website  
Word of mouth

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