

Comments

LTP 2021-31

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Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?	No, I'm submitting as an individual
Which age category are you in?	-
Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?	No
Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?	Other option (please specify)
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):	

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? Don't know

Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges? No

Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates? No

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: -

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

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

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

From:
To:
Subject: LTP submission
Date: Friday, 9 April 2021 10:56:48 am
Attachments: [Submission form completed.pdf](#)

Please find attached a copy of our LTP submission.

Kind regards
Mark Saunders

Feedback form

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Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury) is the regional council for Waitaha the Canterbury region. We are taking action together to shape a thriving and resilient Canterbury, now and for future generations.

Our Long-Term Plan sets out the activities, priorities and work programmes we propose to deliver over a 10-year period. It also outlines the costs and how they could be funded.

Please review the Consultation Document and Supplementary Information at haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/LTP for more details.

Consultation closes Sunday 11 April 2021.

Ways to submit this form:

By mail (no stamp required):

LTP submission, Freepost 1201, Environment Canterbury, PO Box 345, Christchurch 8140

By email:

mailroom@ecan.govt.nz subject line: LTP submission

Online:

You can fill out an online version of this form at haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/LTP

Tell us what you think

By making a submission you agree that Environment Canterbury may use and publish that feedback, including your name and contact details. If you do not wish for your personal details to be made public, please indicate this in your submission.

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Tell us about you

Name _____

Mark Andrew Sanders

Address _____

Postcode _____

Phone number _____

Mobile number _____

Email _____

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

☐ Yes, I'm submitting on behalf of an organisation

☒ No, I'm submitting as an individual

Which organisation are you submitting on behalf of?

The following questions are optional, but will help us make better decisions and ensure we're hearing from people across the region.

Which age category are you in?

☐ 0-14

☐ 15-24

☐ 25-39

☒ 40-64

☐ 65+

Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No
☐ Don't know

Any further comments?

Focus should be on flood control, land + water resource management, biosecurity + biodiversity protection.
Why redo what we have invested 10 years in already subregional Catchment plans.

Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?

- ☐ Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives
☐ Option 2: statutory work and prior commitments
☒ Other option (please specify)

Limit rate rise to 10% programmes should be rescheduled or dropped, within a reasonable rate rise based on Evers Core Role.

Tell us what you would like to keep in the plan, what you think should be removed, and anything that you think we have missed?

Do not renew sub regional plans \$60 million invested already. Priority to land + water, flood protection, biosecurity eg walkabys

Scale back or drop state services such as community resilience, youth engagement, climate change resilience. Where tangible outcomes are difficult to quantify

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

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|---|---|--|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water and Land | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity and Biosecurity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change and Community Resilience | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional and Strategic Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |

Water and Land portfolio comments:

Kind's plans has PC2 until 2035, have invested ratepayers \$ and my personal time as a stakeholder involved in many hundred hours of community meetings.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity comments:

Support the Zone committee immediate Steps Funding.

Climate Change and Community Resilience comments:

Support Flood + river resilience with tangible outcomes from investments.

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development comments:

I am concerned of urban sprawl into rural areas Rolleston, Lincoln etc. We should be encouraging Building developments to grow upwards multi layers.

Regional and Strategic Leadership comments:

Youth engagement + enviro schools is the business of the state Ministry of Education.

Affordability/how we're proposing to pay for these activities

Tell us your view on the affordability of the proposed increase in total rates revenue (under Option 1 or Option 2). Please check our rates calculator ratescalculator.ecan.govt.nz as the increase will be different for different ratepayers, depending on your property and land value and location.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household?

- ☐ Option 1 is affordable
☐ Option 2 is affordable
☒ Neither option is affordable

Any further comments on affordability?

Our Rural rate ^{Annual} Rises are significant, our cost of compliance are now in excess of \$10,000 in complying with transparent data Good management practices, audits from new rules already. We have Capital Infrastructure to invest in on top of this to continually improve

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

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☒ Don't know

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Focus on an affordable budget. Target the rates where projects are spent. Urban drains urban charges Rural land rates for catchment projects.
Do not use debt to fund annual Running costs and bureaucracy.

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

- ☐ Yes
☒ No
☐ Don't know

Any further comments on how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges?

Support increasing the use of UAGC
to fund those projects that benefit people
as opposed to property. The UAGC should
be \$100 household to reflect where benefits are.

Borrowing

Borrowing can be used to spread the burden of a high-cost activity over several years. We usually consider it appropriate to spread the cost of an activity because the benefit of the activity lasts the same time or longer than the repayment period. With a potential 10-year loan period, repayments would have some impact on rates for 13 years.

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

- ☐ Yes
☒ No
☐ Don't know

Any further comments on borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates?

No this is always bad practice.
Have a fit for purpose plan.

Fees and Charges

Our Fees and Charges Policy sets out how much users will pay for activities like consents, compliance and monitoring, harbourmaster and navigation safety, and holding events in regional parks and forests.

Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know

Any further comments on the draft Fees and Charges Policy?

I support the changes in principle but not
where landowners pay twice in rural communities.

Local projects and new initiatives

We're also seeking feedback on whether we should continue investing in some of our existing projects that are funded by targeted rates or try these new initiatives in other districts. New projects will not commence until 2024.

Should we continue investing in MyWay by Metro, Timaru's on-demand public transport service, after the trial period is completed?

☐ Yes
☒ No
☐ Don't know

Any further comments?

The community of Timaru should decide and be the ones to fund it.

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 to the local Hinds Plains community between the Ashburton and Rangitata Rivers. Do you want to see this project continue?

☒ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know

Any further comments?

The people of Hinds Plains and Ashburton district should decide. It will be expensive but is a project to achieve positive outcomes for our community.

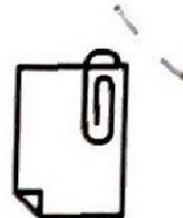
Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area?
(please select all those that apply)

☐ On-demand public transport services
☒ Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality
☒ Other initiative/s (please specify)

Supporting MAR
Water storage and water recycling infrastructure
where they can help with effects of climate change.

Supporting documents

Please attach any documents to support your submission.



Public hearings

If you would like to speak to your submission at a hearing with Environment Canterbury's Council let us know. We will be in touch to arrange once submissions have closed. Hearings will be held on 27, 28 April and 4 May 2021.

Do you wish to speak to your submission?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

There is personal information/contact details in my submission I do not want disclosed

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Tell us which information you do not want disclosed:

Where did you hear about the consultation?

- ☒ Meeting, hui or event ☒ Environment Canterbury website ☐ Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) ☐ Radio
☐ Postcard ☒ Newspaper ☐ Email ☐ Word of mouth ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Any further comments?

Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to make a submission on the draft Long-Term Plan 2021-31.