

## 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?**

It's wrong that Ecan have already spent \$60m and now central govt are changing the rules with Essential Freshwater. Central Govt need to pay for changes! Ecan must demand that central govt pays for this and Ecan should not spend more on this.

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

The rate rise is too high, and Ecan needs to focus on it's core functions.

**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?**

Demand the government recognise the work that has already been done and recognise existing plans.  
 I don't think rate payers should be paying for community resilience, youth programmes, enviroschools.  
 Not if it means a 25% rate rise.  
 Priority should be given to core functions.

**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>	Unsure
<b>Regional and Strategic Leadership</b>	Unsure

**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
- . Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
- . Regional and Strategic Leadership

**Water and Land portfolio comments:**

Do not re-do the existing plans. So much time and money has already been spent here!

**Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:**

Urban Transport: this for the people of Timaru / Chch to sort out. Not the wider district.  
 Urban Sprawl needs to be kept to a minimum

**Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:**

The MoE should be funding Envischools/Youth leadership not regional council

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

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

It's a very very big increase!

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

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

I'm sure it will hit many households hard!

**Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges?** Don't know

**Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates?** Don't know

**Any further comments on the use of borrowing for operating expenditure?**

Probably depends on the existing debt levels and probably ok if borrowing for a long term asset, however not ok to pay for intangible/immeasurable projects.

**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?**

The rural community will be hit the hardest, and the rural community should not be paying for urban projects

**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**

This is an amazing initiative and probably the most significant environmental project in Canterbury at the moment. It must continue!  
It should be for the people of the Hinds plains to decide on and not the people of Christchurch.

**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?** 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?**

- . Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- . Environment Canterbury website

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