

## 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
Which suburb or area do you live in?	
Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?	Yes
Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?	Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives

**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?**

I fully support the issues and priorities identified on p.7. of the consultation document, and the issues ECAN plans to tackle through Option 1.

ECAN has rightly declared a climate emergency. Now is the time to act with some urgency on reducing carbon emissions and taking whatever steps possible to prevent or at least to mitigate the impact of climate change on our environment and communities; and help people adapt to a very uncertain future. I agree that ECAN needs to step up the pace; it should also lobby government for legislative changes such as decreasing the permissible level of nitrates in water; reform of the Resource Management Act so that ECAN has more ability to control permits for water use in Canterbury; and the situation with city transport needs to be changed so that it is not a responsibility split between two local bodies.

City transport should be in the hands of a publicly-owned organisation, not tendered out to private companies.

Increased resourcing for community education and engagement is crucial. Funding to the enviroschools programme should be increased so that all schools on the waiting list for the programme are able to access it.

**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>	Yes
<b>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</b>	Yes
<b>Regional and Strategic Leadership</b>	Yes

<b>Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on):</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Water and Land
	<input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity and Biosecurity
	<input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change and Community Resilience
	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional and Strategic Leadership

**Water and Land portfolio comments:**

Water quality is a huge issue for Canterbury. The permissible level of nitrates in water needs to be reduced, and stronger compliance and enforcement measures employed to ensure that these levels are adhered to. Nitrates in water are a health risk to humans and to wildlife.

To protect our water resources for future generations water bottling and exporting must be stopped and new regulations introduced to achieve this.

Sustainability needs to be built into all land and water use practices.

Our rivers need particular care and attention. Lowland riverbeds and many beaches now seem to be mainly a playground for wheeled vehicles, to the detriment of any wildlife living there. Stronger education and enforcement measures are needed.

Our urban rivers are highly polluted and also need attention.

**Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:**

I strongly support Me uru rakau and all other tree-planting, biodiversity and biosecurity initiatives outlined in the plan, including a pest-free Banks Peninsula.

We must do better at protecting and restoring the environment and protecting ecosystems, on which we all depend, for future generations.

**Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:**

I support all the work outlined in the plan to reduce and manage the effects of climate change. Our children and grandchildren are already inheriting a world which is vastly degraded from what it was fifty years ago. There is a small window of opportunity for us to try and prevent the worst excesses of climate change: let's make sure ECAN and its partners have the resources to do it.

ECAN can also show leadership by ensuring its own activities and practices demonstrate the best possible practices for lower carbon emissions.

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

Efforts to improve air quality in Christchurch have largely been successful and show what can be achieved by a mix of compliance and enforcement approaches; and subsidies which are very effective in changing household behaviour (for example subsidising clean-burning wood-burners to replace



open fires.) Other issues have now arisen including odour from the compost plant in Bromley and the threat to households from quarry dust in the west of the city. Stronger compliance and enforcement measures are needed as also with stormwater and wastewater consents. Improved public transport is a clear priority for many reasons: lower carbon emissions; improved air quality; individual health benefits. Commuter rail services should be introduced along all the existing rail corridors: to Lyttelton, Rolleston; Darfield; Kaiapoi, Rangiora and Amberley.

**Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:**

I fully support ECAN's approach of working with Ngai Tahu, territorial authorities community groups and other partners across the region. The youth forum also needs to be better resourced: they will inherit the future and should be listened to.

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

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

**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?**

All rates should be based on property value as this best reflects the ability of individual property owners to pay. UAGCs are inequitable for those on fixed, low incomes.

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

**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:** 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

**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**

**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?**

- . Postcard
- . Word of mouth
- . Newspaper
- . Email

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