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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? 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 believe that prioritising investment in infrastructure is paramount. Water quality, air quality, waste management, appropriate land use and accessible public transport are the foundations for a healthy and productive future for our region. Particularly I believe in increasing our investment in broadening our recycling capabilities and providing environmentally friendly public transport options to reduce pollution and congestion, and to make safe, accessible transport for all. Working together with local and national government, eCan should be working towards higher density residential land use, with higher quality accommodation to create a living environment that is less reliant on motor vehicles, and creates improved economies of scale for investing in vital infrastructure. Suburban sprawl is environmentally and economically unsustainable.

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

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

Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on): . Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development

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As a family of two working parents and two teenage children, the accessibility of MyWay has allowed us to go from two cars to one.

As a community leader, I have recently seen an uptick in older people interested in trying the service. They have lacked confidence to try the new system until now. More could be invested in helping new clients access the service.

As the child of an elderly mother who lives alone in Mosgiel, and has limited mobility, I am acutely aware of the increased quality of life that access to a service like MyWay would give her. We are incredibly lucky to have this service in Timaru.

I believe that we should be extending the trial, with a longer timeframe to allow more advantageous contracts to be established. It is artificially expensive to have a short-term trial of a service like this. Further, I believe that eCan should consider replacing the MyWay diesel vans with EVs. While there is a greater capital expense, this is more than offset by the savings in running costs. It also has the dual benefits of reducing emissions on our streets, and normalising EVs for the public. This is the sort of māiatanga leadership that eCan should be providing for our community.

MyWay is also an excellent fit for our manaakitanga and kaitiakitanga values. It is a perfect fit for our transformational opportunities of safe, multi-modal transport choices and leading climate change resilience. It is also central to fulfilling our enduring priority of Sustainable and healthy living and working environments and our operating principle of investing in opportunities through technology and innovation. To cancel the MyWay trial would be to fail to uphold stated values, principles and priorities of eCan.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

The affordability of maintaining public services is undermined in the long-term by permissive changes of land-use (ie. opening new land for development), and restrictions on redeveloping existing land (ie. building envelopes, restrictions on multiplex residential development, set back rules etc.) I realise that this does not sit in the eCan jurisdiction, but only through the whanaungatanga of working collaboratively between many regional, local and national agencies can we achieve lasting change in these areas. We need more liveable cities and towns that do not rely so heavily on expensive, low density infrastructure.

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

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

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

there will never be a better time to borrow and repay debt than when interest rates are so low. This should be balanced by the need to pay down debt so that aging infrastructure does not continue to be an albatross around our necks.

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: Timaru 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

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 . Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality

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

Any further comments on MyWay by Metro? Yes

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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?

- . Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- . Word of mouth

Your information is held and administered by Environment Canterbury in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and Environment Canterbury's Privacy Policy.

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