

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?	Don't know
Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?	Option 2: statutory work and prior commitments
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?	
	To increase our rates by 25 % or approx. \$20000 is criminal. Ecan has spent approx. \$ 60 million on developing integral Farm Environmental plans and to change that without countering the governments fresh water plans is not fair to us rate payers. Transport and Urban development should only be paid by Urban centers
Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:	
Water and Land	No

Biodiversity and Biosecurity	No
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):	. Water and Land
	. Biodiversity and Biosecurity
	. Climate Change and Community Resilience
	. Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development

Water and Land portfolio comments:

Build on the work what has been done in the last 5-10 years with the farming community's. Don't start from the beginning because the new government dictates this. The fresh water plans from the government were rushed and the consultation was flawed

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

The Waitaki river has lost its braided river view . It has changed to a river with a great number of island what has increased the damage on adjoining land owners land. The nature of the release of water by Meridian Energy has greatly contributed to this

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

We farmers are greatly affected by this , i support that more is done

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

Burden should be carried by the town centers

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household?	Neither option is affordable
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Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community?	Don't know
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Any further comments on affordability for the community?

If I look at the extra cost for a house at \$ 80 compared to my increase of \$ 20.000 I think this is not fair. I can't charge the extra cost to someone else ,I have to carry this burden myself. As a farmer we are depending on the world market for the price for our products

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

Should be increased

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

I'm afraid that if we pay the cost now through a high increase of rates that the rates won't go down long term because the council will find other priorities to spend the savings on

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

Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?

Be prudent and don't use delaying tactics with consents so our cost goes up

Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below: Waimate 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

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waimate . Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waitaki

Any further comments?

I do support the submission from the Waitaki Irrigators Committee re Waitaki River.
I also want that Ecan start the process of negotiating a new contribution agreement with Meridian Energy Limited . The old agreement is from 1992 and nobody can find it anymore. I strongly believe the old agreement is in MEL 's favor, they contribute 40% of the cost of part of the river not the whole river as they want you to believe . The way they operate the consent with the rapid drop of of the water

flows is strongly contributing to the forming of the islands ,what makes the river to form a few main channels and loose the braided appeal .

I'm happy to see that the full length of the rivers islands have been sprayed with the contribution of the Covid money and hope that this will help to break down the islands ,but more work with the help from dozers is required to open up the islands.

I note to that a rating review for the Waitaki river district is planned ,I hope for this year.

I hope that we as adjoining land owners to the Waitaki River can work with Ecan in a constructive way to get a better outcome for the future

Regards

Gert Van't Klooster

Chair liaison committee

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? . Environment Canterbury website
. Newspaper

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