

## Comments

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First name

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Email address

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? 25-39 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?**

Proposed budget increase is unaffordable and seems like there is a massive amount of ratepayer funds been wasted. Key area that needs to be addressed is the over \$20m proposed to be spend on plans to ensure they align with the requirements of the government's Freshwater reforms. I understand that Ecan has already spent approximately \$60m developing the existing plans the government's Freshwater reforms replace. This level of proposed additional spending is very hard to stomach given that the existing plans appear to be set to achieve the same outcomes as the government's Freshwater reforms. I know that ECan cannot ignore the government's Freshwater reforms but surely there needs to be more appreciation of the existing plans (including the large investment in these) if they are on track to reach the same outcomes as plans the government's Freshwater reforms.

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

<b>Water and Land</b>	No
<b>Biodiversity and Biosecurity</b>	Yes
<b>Climate Change and Community Resilience</b>	Unsure
<b>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</b>	Yes
<b>Regional and Strategic Leadership</b>	No

**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

**Water and Land portfolio comments:**

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

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

As mentioned previously

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

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

As mentioned previously

**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?**

The proposed Uniform Annual General Charges seems to be too low. The charge does not seem to be set to a level that fairly reflects the benefits to all ratepayers from certain items (i.e. youth engagement, parks and recreation, Leadership)

**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?**

Don't know

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

Selwyn 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**

. On-demand public transport services  
. Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality

**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?**

. Word of mouth  
. Newspaper

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

Yes

**Tell us which information you do not want disclosed:**

Name and email