

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
<p>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?</p> <p>Keep what you have put in Option One. Increase the allocation of resources to Compliance work</p>	
<p>Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:</p>	
Water and Land	Yes
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Yes

Climate Change and Community Resilience Yes

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

Water and Land portfolio comments:

The council should aim to reduce nitrogen in all catchment waters below national environmental standards. Current farming practices will produce a long-tail of nitrogen leakage into aquifers, therefore stronger on farm controls need to be rapidly introduced. Christchurch water supplies need to be actively protected and a precautionary approach taken. Listen to the advice from the Christchurch City Council on this matter.

Administrative fee charging for water use should be increased. If water itself cannot be charged for then more of the real costs of administration and mitigation of adverse usage need to be met by the beneficiaries. While general rates reflect benefits for the whole population from clean waterways, the agricultural operations that lead to degraded water quality should be moved into bearing the primary cost of cleaning up the mess they create.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

Continue and increase your support for Pest Free Banks Peninsula. The Council should consider adding feral pigs and deer on Banks Peninsula to the list of controlled animals. I strongly support the contestable fund for work by community groups for local environmental projects and the increased capacity for the Enviroschools programme. Increased funding and support for wilding control and braided river protection is welcomed. Zone Committee contestable funding for waterway protection and enhancement should be continued.

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

I do not see the level of additional funding in Option One for Climate Change and community resilience that would reflect the Climate Emergency that we are facing and ECAN has declared. The climate change response needs to be written across all portfolios and underpin all work. Undertaking an urgent Coastal Plan review is an important step in bringing the public into discussions about adaptation.

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

The public transport strategy needs to be closely aligned with the Urban development strategy. Satellite towns to Christchurch have been encouraged tied to new motorways with a resulting clogging of roads within key Christchurch suburban and inner city routes. There should be ongoing innovation and work with district councils to create more bus lanes and faster and more frequent bus services. Rail commuter services need more investigation.

Free bus services should be provided to all children under 18 and for current students. Free bus services for all ages should be trialled and government lobbied to provide the funding to enable free bus fares for all by 2031. The free inner-city loop bus service should be reinstated.

Christchurch City Council development of urban cycleways and their linkages to Rolleston, and Rangiora should be strongly supported.

The Urban Development Strategy should pay greater attention to protection of high quality soils.

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

I support a review of Zone Committees so that the environmental standards that they are approving better reflect national and regional environmental standards.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

The Environment Canterbury rates increase in actual dollar terms is still relatively modest and not inconsistent with the proposed Christchurch City Council increase.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

The impact is spread well between urban and rural populations and low and high capital value.

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?

I do not support an increase in the UAGC. It is regressive. UAGC should be abolished and all General Rates based upon property value.

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?

I support borrowing to reduce the immediate impact of a sudden rates rise, as long as the benefits will clearly accrue to future generations as well as current ratepayers.

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?

In particular the recovery of actual and reasonable costs for compliance and a marine biosecurity monitoring charge.

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
Other initiative/s (please specify)

Other initiative/s (please specify) Christchurch

Funding for feral pig, deer and goat control

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? . Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
Postcard
Word of mouth
Newspaper
Meeting, hui or event
Email

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