

## Comments

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<b>Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?</b>	No, I'm submitting as an individual
<b>Are you willing to tell us more about yourself?</b>	Yes
<b>Which age category are you in?</b>	40-64 years old
<b>Which suburb or area do you live in?</b>	
<b>Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?</b>	Yes
<b>Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?</b>	Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives
<b>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?</b>	

Don't build any more aquifers such as the Hekeao Hinds aquifer. Agriculture in Canterbury must radically change. All irrigation of pasture must be phased out as soon as possible. All dairy farms must be required to destock to a level that is truly environmentally sustainable. Dairy farms must change to regenerative agriculture practices in the next 3 years and stop using artificial fertilisers. Farmers must pay for the environmental damage they have inflicted on the water, soil, indigenous species of flora and fauna. All polluters, intentional or accidental, must pay the actual costs to remediate and restore the damage they have caused.

Farmers should be charged an additional levy for water use (as an environmental damage fee), while irrigation permits should be wound up and stopped as quickly as possible. Farming in Canterbury

needs to quickly change to what is suitable for the warming climate. This means a dramatic reduction in stock numbers; a focus on growing annual crops like wheat, oats, barley, quinoa, lentils and market gardening.

**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>	.	Water and Land
	.	Climate Change and Community Resilience
	.	Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
	.	Regional and Strategic Leadership

**Water and Land portfolio comments:**

Rivers, streams and waterways must be better protected - please make this a priority. Te Waihora must be restored. All wetlands in Canterbury must be protected from destruction and use as farmland, urban development, roads etc.

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

ECAN (and all of us) must understand that climate change is here and strong action must be taken now, every day for the rest of our lives, in order for the survival of the planet. Please lead and support radical change to transport systems, housing, farming, energy, business. It can never be business as usual again. We must make radical decisions now to mitigate a dangerous future. We must be bold leaders. I hope that ECAN can be bold, use the best science and make radical change.

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

Urban development: very soon there will be a lot of unnecessary car parking spaces in Christchurch - parking buildings and parking lots. Can ECAN and Ngai Tahu partner with CCC and developers to create an agreement that requires ex car parking spaces to be considered for affordable housing first? Such as kitset houses, tiny houses, modest townhouses? Parking buildings are being used for urban farming in cities in the northern hemisphere. Could we do this too? Or could parking buildings be converted into apartments? All of these option should be considered. Urban development must include a lot of tree planting. Urban development must include lowering the speed limit in all towns and cities. Dangerous roads such as Brougham street must have the speed limit lowered - it's common sense! Transport - we must start now to get rid of diesel vehicles. Trucking firms must have a close deadline for retiring diesel and petrol vehicles and moving to electric vehicles. Freight must go back onto the rail. ECAN should lobby the government to electrify the whole rail network. All buses purchased for public transport must be electric. A railcar service from Rolleston to Christchurch to Amberley is very much worth trialling for 4 years. Bring a railway station platform back to central Christchurch!

**Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:**

I am delighted that ECAN is working closely with Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu and has formal collaborative agreements. This is very positive and must continue to develop.

<b>Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household?</b>	Option 2 is affordable
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**Any further comments on affordability for your household?**

Option 2 is affordable for my household but I support Option 1 goals. I think that the polluters and over-users of resources must make additional contributions via rates, levys or additional taxes, in order to pay a fair contribution to remediation of problems they have caused. Additional fees to individuals, companies, for remediation have already begun and need to increase. A wider group of farmers, companies and businesses need to pay extra fees and these extra fees should be much higher than general rates. This is the only equitable and affordable way to achieve remediation of land, air and water pollution and achieve ECAN's proposed and necessary mahi.

**Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community?** Don't know

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

A 24% increase in ECAN rates is not affordable for those on the lowest incomes. I think ECAN needs to look at a scale which charges the wealthy more than the poor. This should apply to residential and other rates, as well as rates on land.

**Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges?** Don't know

**Any further comments on Uniform Annual General Charges?**

I partly support the proposed changes. But charges must be scaled, so that poor people are not paying the same charge as rich people. This is unequitable. The largest consumers / users of resources, including farmers and companies, must pay more than a household in Aranui.

**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?**

Yes, to some borrowing. Borrow locally, not internationally, if possible, so there is some control over the risk.

**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** . Other initiative/s (please specify)

**Other initiative/s (please specify) Christchurch**

Support cycling initiatives and greening the city and surroundings.

**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?** . Environment Canterbury website  
Postcard  
Newspaper  
Email

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