

## 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?** 40-64 years old

**Which suburb or area do you live in?**

**Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?** No

**What do you feel are the significant challenges and opportunities we face?**

The greatest challenge, if not attack, is from the labour government. This government is undermining all the good work done by ECan by over riding it's well thought out and consulted water plan. The opportunities are in continuing with the ECan plan and focusing on water resource management and biosecurity.

**Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?** Other option (please specify)

Anything that results in a 25% rate rise is immoral. Programmes should be re-focused and re-scheduled to fit a maximum of 10% rate rise by sticking to core tasks.

**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?**

Demand that the government recognise the \$60,000,000 that we as rate payers have already spent on a plans that will work. Demand that you be let continue with these plans. Drop all programmes that have not tangible environmental outcomes eg community and climate change resilience, enviro schools, youth engagement.

**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>	No
<b>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</b>	No
<b>Regional and Strategic Leadership</b>	No

<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>	<input type="checkbox"/> Water and Land
	<input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity and Biosecurity
	<input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change and Community Resilience
	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional and Strategic Leadership

**Water and Land portfolio comments:**

Do not let the government make you re-do the plans that are already developed. We as ratepayers have spent a lot of money on these and generally support them.

**Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:**

support biosecurity and parts of the biodiversity plan such as wetland restoration and other at risk habitat protection.

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

support leading flood and river resilience. Do not support leading community and climate change resilience as they appear to have no tangible, measurable outcomes.

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

Urban transport should be fully funded by targeted rates paid for by those who can access public transport. Rural rate payers have no access to these services and therefor should not be forced to contribute.  
Need to recognise that the urban sprawl from Rolleston, Lincoln, Kirwee and Halswell are potentially polluters of Te Waihora.

**Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:**

A lot of money is being proposed to be spent on projects that shouldn't be the priority or responsibility of Ecan. Youth engagement, enviro schools and resourcing runanga should be the responsibility of the government who would have plenty of money to do it if they stopped interfering with our well developed plans.

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

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

The Chair of Ecan is saying these 2 proposals are easily affordable for urban ratepayers because most of the burden falls on rural ratepayers. Why is that acceptable?????

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

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

Ecan needs to learn financially responsible governance. there is no sign of this in the plan

**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?**

Support increasing the use of the UAGC to fund all those projects that benefit people as opposed to property

**Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates?** No

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

If you can't afford the plan don't do it!!!!

**Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy?** Don't know

**Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?**

I support the changes in principal but if they are accompanied by exorbitant rate rises proposed then think again. They end up costing farmers and businesses twice.

**Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below:** Ashburton 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 . Other initiative/s

The Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge is a pilot of environmental infrastructure to address water quality. To continue enhancing this infrastructure, the project would require ongoing targeted rates from the Ashburton district. Find out more [link]. Do you want to see this project continue? Yes

**Any further comments on Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge? Yes**

Seems a positive although expensive project with tangible and measurable outcomes but it is up to those whose rates are targeted to decide.

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

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