

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
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
Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:	
Water and Land	Yes
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Yes
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):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . 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:

Pleasing to see some progress on improving water quality, but much more needs to be done. Water quality has continued deteriorating over the last two decades at least. The horse has well and truly bolted since the early 2000's when the Water Rights Trust (of which I was a trustee for a period) made regular submissions to ECan asking for a moratorium on dairy conversions. There is now new Danish research suggesting proposed nitrate levels are still far too high. I would like nitrate polluters to pay full costs to address these issues, and I think permissible nitrate levels should be reduced to the Danish study amounts of 0.87 mg/l. ECan should also take much stronger steps to lobby central government, as well as step up monitoring and particularly enforcement which has always been woefully under-resourced and given far too little emphasis.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

I support ECan stepping up and taking a lead on these issues and working collaboratively with others.

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

I welcome the climate education funding in option 1, and would like it to emphasise the need for collective action and systemic change, rather than individual consumer changes.

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

I would like to see more serious consideration of light rail, even if it is just protecting future corridors at this stage.
We need to better protect valuable soils from housing development.

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

It is apparent that we do not have systems that are able to rapidly adapt to changing information - eg climate change, science around nitrates, deteriorating water quality. ECan needs to give this serious attention. A good example is the Hinds Recharge renewal consent which should definitely be notified because of the very serious implications for public health which have recently been publicised. I support rates rises to cover increasing demands for action particularly on water quality and climate change, although I am disappointed that once again the public is being asked to pay to clean up pollution which should have been paid for by the polluters (particularly dairy farms). I strongly support changing to an STV voting system at the 2022 election. I support more spending on sorting out Mckenzie basin conservation issues.

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

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

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 would like this component to be reduced and other more progressive ways of funding ECAN be found, so that major polluters and the more affluent pay relatively more and the less affluent relatively less.

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 for infrastructure that is going to be used by citizens in the future, but not for mitigating pollution that should have been paid for by polluters.

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: 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

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? 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?

- . Word of mouth
- . Meeting, hui or event
- . Email

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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: Phone number, address