

## Comments

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<b>Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?</b>	Yes, I'm submitting on behalf of an organisation
<b>Which organisation are you submitting on behalf of?</b>	Cass Bay Residents Association
<b>Which age category are you 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

**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?**

Ecan's new protection and regeneration programme, Me Uru Rakau, for priority ecological catchments, such as Whakaraupo Lyttelton Harbour, is an important initiative to enable the rehabilitation and increase in biodiversity in such areas. Funding of the Whaka Ora Healthy Harbour project must continue as it is already proving very successful and has lots of community support from groups around the Harbour who have been involved in providing hundreds of volunteer hours doing such things as riparian planting to improve water quality.

Youth are the future and so investment in Enviroschools and other such projects is very important to provide the people who will have the skills and enthusiasm to look after the environment in coming years.

A contestable fund to support community projects such as the volunteer work done by the Cass Bay community and Reserves Management Committee is essential for the ongoing work done locally to

improve the environment and increase biodiversity to happen.

Changing the colour of the buses seems to be an unnecessary waste of money when the transport budget is so stretched. This has made travel by bus very difficult for the vision impaired as they can no longer distinguish which bus is approach, especially when several buses arrive at once.

**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>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
	.	Biodiversity and Biosecurity
	.	Climate Change and Community Resilience
	.	Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development

**Water and Land portfolio comments:**

The Whaka Ora Healthy Harbour project is an excellent example of how to protect and restore priority aquatic ecosystems and habitats to bring back mahinga Kai and improve water quality and flow through such things as riparian planting. It should therefore continue to be funded so that projects such as that started last year at Steadfast in Cass Bay, Lyttelton can continue and communities can be encouraged to take part in stewardship of land and water.

Monitoring and data collection projects, such as that being done by Students from Frontiers Abroad, are essential for sound restoration outcomes.

**Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:**

Cass Bay Residents Association has promoted our community becoming active participants in the Pest Free Banks Peninsula programme as well as the Cass Bay Reserves Management Committee having weed species eradication working bees each year. Without such actions our other work to improve biodiversity and encourage native flora and fauna back into our Bay would be significantly less successful. We would like towards Steadfast Reserve becoming a Pest Free Reserve. It is already fully fenced by the historical military fence which could be upgraded to suit this purpose and we are already trapping in the area.

We have been planting natives in our reserves for over 30 years and have started to see the return of kereru and tui. Having a contestable fund to support local groups like ours is vital for this volunteer work to continue and Me Uru Rakau to happen.

We support such initiatives as "Jobs for Nature" to make this work possible as not all work can be done on a voluntary basis and this will significantly increase the speed and success of a lot of projects.

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

We are all aware of the increasing effects of climate change and it is essential that community resilience is encouraged and steps taken to mitigate the problem. Civil Defence has a vital part to play in preparing and educating people in these matters as well as being able to respond in time of crisis.

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

The current bus service in Cass Bay does not meet the needs of our community. Having only 3 buses early in the morning and between 4.30 and 6 during the week means that locals who want to travel to town for anything other than work are forced to tack their cars. We have no service at all at the weekends when people from the city could use the bus to travel to both Cass Bay, Rapaki and Corsair Bay to go to the beach, which currently causes considerable traffic problems on hot days for both parking and



queues. Locals would find a bus to Lyttelton most useful on a Saturday morning so they could get to the Farmers market and back without having to find take their cars especially as their is limited parking spaces.

Although our children live in the Cashmere High School Zone there is no school bus or suitable bus service to get them there so most parents have to drive them there, which is both inconvenient and bad for the environment. This matter needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

We support the continuation of the Timaru trial of "My Way On Demand" as this might also work for suburbs like ours if it was extended.

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

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

The increase of a bit over \$100 is important to adequately fund the environmental focus of Option 1.

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

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

Some families are struggling already and this would be an extra burden

**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?**

There is some concern about the increased cost of Council meetings while other areas like boating safety and air quality seem to have a reduction.

**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?**

The positive benefits of the investment made by borrowing would happen over a number of years and into the future so it makes sense to spread the cost to repay money over a number of years.

**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?**

We support the rational of user pays but if this is the case then it should be the responsibility of the owner for wrecks and abandoned vessels, not the rate payer. Navigational safety needs to remain a priority given the number of vessels being used on our water ways.

**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

**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?** . Email

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