

## 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?** No

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

ECAN appears to be out of control, if the two proposals they have put forward entail a 20+% rate rise. ECAN should stick to their core activities such as working with local communities to protect land, air and water.

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

Neither option is palatable if they involve a 20+% rates rise.

**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 should stick to their core activities such as working with local communities to protect land, air and water. ECAN should not be involved in school education (the enviro schools are a joke, if Lincoln High School is anything to go by. They are still using coal to heat the school). I have no idea what community resilience, regional and strategic leadership even means, except an excuse for endless meetings.

**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:**

ECAN has done some good work working with local communities on local schemes. These should continue, and have a tangible result.

**Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:**

Again ECAN has done some good work in pest identification and control.

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

These are just weasel words. What possible tangible outcome could ECAN achieve?

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

Air quality is a function for ECAN, but urban development? Isn't this a local council responsibility?

**Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:**

Absolute weasel words, and just adds more layers of bureaucracy, at the expense of the ratepayer

<b>Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household?</b>	Neither option is affordable
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**Any further comments on affordability for your household?**

24% increase in a time of ~2% inflation is disgraceful. This is on top of increasing water monitoring fees.

<b>Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community?</b>	No
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**Any further comments on affordability for the community?**

It seems that the bulk of the increase will fall on the rural ratepayers, who seem to be an easy target.

**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?**

See above

**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?**

It's not addressing the out of control expenditure

**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?**

As long as they are a fair representation of the costs

**Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below:** Selwyn 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** . Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality

**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?** . Word of mouth

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