

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?	Christchurch Central, Christchurch
Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?	Don't know
Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?	Other option (please specify)

Changing the land use which is more suitable and much more sustainable and not damaging to the environment especially rivers! Save our Rivers!

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?

Stop the pollution of the fresh water systems in Canterbury through the extensive Dairy Farming and the use of heavy fertilizers. Come up with plans that allows the Rivers to regenerate aquatic life and much more beneficial for the future generations (children and grandchildren) to flourish and have a healthier life style.

Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:

Water and Land	Unsure
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Unsure
Climate Change and Community Resilience	Unsure
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	Unsure
Regional and Strategic Leadership	Unsure

Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on):

☐ Water and Land

☐ Climate Change and Community Resilience

Water and Land portfolio comments:

I lived in NZ since 1982 and what I have observed in the past 39 years is that the land has been continuously degraded, rivers have been depleted to a large extent which is a shocking image which I did not imagine to see 39 years ago! The damage that has been done is going to take time to fix, but if we don't act on this now and we put profit before the environment then our children will not have a prosperous future to look forward to.

Rivers will have no fish, and will be toxic. We must stop the practice we are embracing in order to make the changes happen and allow our Rivers to recover. Talks and Chalks will be useless! We need to act now and need to do it right! Keeping doing the old ways is no longer a valid option.

The rivers having nitrate levels at over 9 milligram per liter is not a good precedent to set for our future generations to live with.

Those industries which largely profited from practices which also resulted in direct degradation of the Rivers and land should take full ownership and be accountable for the damage that they have caused and should be funding towards the fixing of the environment in that proportion as they have made profit out of it over the past 39 years, should not be just the ratepayers bill!

More importantly they should be looking at making greater changes in their way of doing things and stop those practices immediately which currently just continue on without any consideration whatsoever for the environment.

They are acting like there is no tomorrow and if they continue in that way there will be no tomorrow for all of us and for our offspring. Our environment is degraded in front of our very eyes and we must fight for it or we all face the consequences which will be too late if we do not take action now!

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

Continuous degradation of our environment must stop and must come up with new innovative solutions that actually helps the environment like better public transportation, trams, or electric buses and trains from smaller towns like Rolleston, Rangiora, West Melton or Darfield etc. to support those commuters from those towns to Christchurch or vice versa and reduce carbon emissions.

Make it attractive and affordable and also convenience to the public.

Invest in these for future generations! Currently buses are on those routes but none that I have observed with low carbon emissions! Interestingly some electric buses run from the Airport to City center!

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household?

☐ Neither option is affordable

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

I believe that these costs should be met by those industries who took a large part in benefiting and profiting in the process while destroying our environment. Are those companies willing to take full ownership for what occurred and play their part in fixing it?

Where are those companies who took the water out of our rivers and those who released the toxins

into them knowingly and yet ignored it until now.

And now the Rate payers are asked to meet extra cost and obligations while these companies are still operating the old way? What is the point in that? Then our environment is not going to be fixed and that is not going to look prosperous for our future generations? Why should taxpayers then pay for that?

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?

I cannot speak for the community as I do not know what is their financial situations,

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?

Actually I have no idea why and how these large sums are managed and it seems to me that currently everyone is talking about rate changes and increases but no one is actually talking about how it is going to work out to benefit us society in the long run, it seems to me there is more focus on how much money to pool in from the public by increased rate proposals, rather than focusing on the actual matters what to do and how it is going to be fixed?!

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?

on top of the mortgage? Are you kidding me?

Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy? No

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

Stop supporting industries which destroying our freshwater qualities to allow for regeneration of these areas.

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

Any further comments?

Time to focus on what really is at stake our children's future, start prioritizing the health and benefit for the environment and stop supporting the industries that continuous to add to environment degradation!

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
· Word of mouth

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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: My name and phone number