

## Comments

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<b>Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?</b>	No, I'm submitting as an individual
<b>Are you willing to tell us more about yourself?</b>	Yes
<b>Which age category are you in?</b>	25-39 years old
<b>Which suburb or area do you live 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
<b>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?</b>	
The plan is comprehensive. I would like to see more ephasis on retaining existing biodiversity and freshwater values as well as the already strong focus on restoration.	
<b>Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:</b>	
<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>Regional and Strategic Leadership</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:**

I would like to see all consented resource consents for water takes to be reviewed in the light of Te Mana o te Wai to assess if they still fit into the outcomes of climate change, biodiversity and freshwater values. Otherwise, damage to the environment will continue to happen, and will be more costly to fix later down the line. Freshwater and aquifer health and sustainability is key.

#### **Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:**

I would like to see more emphasis on retaining existing habitat values over restoration projects. I think that these areas are still being cleared using permitted activities, which is depleting already highly rare environments.  
A restored area is not as diverse as a natural (albeit modified) area.

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

Climate change is really important. All consents and projects should be assessed for impact on the environment, and if the projects fit into the climate change objectives.

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

Public transport should be cheaper. At the moment it costs more, AND takes twice as long to travel via public transport than to take a private car (I've done the maths). I'll happily pay more in rates and tax to have cheaper more accessible public transport. At the moment, I'm not surprised that public transport is not used much.

**Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household?** Option 2 is affordable

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

I come from a low income household. Rates are an expense we can't really afford, but are not considered to be as high a price as the impacts from climate change will be in the future. Better to pay more now, and reduce the impact later. If you are lucky enough to own a home, you can afford the rates. It's cheaper than renting.

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

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

Rates increase will be difficult for the elderly who have no more capacity to earn more money. Perhaps those that cannot afford higher rates (lowest income homeowners) can apply for a special case decrease.

**Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges?**

Yes

**Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates?**

Yes

**Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy?**

Yes

**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**

**Any further comments?**

Freshwater is a really big issue in Canterbury. This issue is of high concern, and the effects of intensive farming and high water takes has a long trail of effects. Recharging aquifers means that the water take from the aquifers is unsustainable. Unsustainable actions and projects should be reviewed within the next 10 years.



**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?**

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

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