

## 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?**

**Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?** No

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

Covid has highlighted how people do not want to rely on public transport, they do not want to be stuck in close confines with strangers who won't wear masks.

Money would be much better spent on ensuring fast broadband to homes so people can work from home, thus reducing reliance on all methods of transport.

The far flung reaches of the West Coast have access to fibre connections, but great swathes of outer Christchurch do not.

**Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?** Option 2: statutory work and prior commitments

**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?**

Many rate payers are struggling to keep their heads above water, due to the pandemic, and do not have the will or the spare money to pay higher rates.

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

<b>Water and Land</b>	No
<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

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

**Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household?** Neither option is affordable

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

Our income is down, electricity, groceries and general cost of living is up, covid has smashed many people's incomes, just another cost to add to the list.

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

**Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges?** No

**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?** 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**

Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality

**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?**

Other (please specify)

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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:**

Email address