

## 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>	Conservation Volunteers New Zealand
<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>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>	. Biodiversity and Biosecurity

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

Conservation Volunteers New Zealand (CVNZ) has strong passion and interest in protecting Canterbury's braided rivers. It is important that more funding is allocated through the Environment Canterbury Long Term Plan in order to protect these unique ecosystems from invasive pest plants and predators. With the mahi we have carried out supporting the Arthur's Pass Wildlife Trust (APWT) on the Waimakariri and Bealey Rivers, we know that one of the major issues is the Russell lupin. On going work for a period of ten years would be required to successfully manage the weed problem in this area. This is an issue for APWT as it demands time and resources and if nothing is done we shall see our beloved braided rivers fall into a further state of degradation, plus the loss of taonga species like the ngutu pare/wrybill and the tūturiwhatu/dotterel as a result of habitat loss and predation. Another area of concern where we would like to see more funding is in Whakaraupō/ Lyttelton Harbour. This unique landscape has high biodiversity values but unfortunately has major problems with invasive pest plants and predators. Plus, more eco sourced native trees are necessary to increase habitat for terrestrial biodiversity. We would like to see more funding to support community conservation groups in the harbour. Importantly the hard mahi they do supports the Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour Management Plan, which focuses on reducing sediment, erosion, and pollution and aims to increase terrestrial biodiversity and marine biodiversity. We understand the needs because of the work we have done supporting these local community conservation groups and organisations. To date we have delivered 65 project days helping them. CVNZ has a desire and is in a strong position to provide ongoing support to the Arthur's Pass Wildlife Trust and Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour, however greater funding for biodiversity is essential.

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

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

**Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges?** Don't know

**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?** Don't know

**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**

**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?** 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?**

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

*Your information is held and administered by Environment Canterbury in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and Environment Canterbury's Privacy Policy.*

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