

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

Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities? Don't know

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
- . Biodiversity and Biosecurity
- . Climate Change and Community Resilience
- . Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
- . Regional and Strategic Leadership

Water and Land portfolio comments:

I believe bold decisions are needed regarding care of the land and waterways into the future, and that this should involve moratoriums placed on renewing or granting new consents for irrigation and activities such as intense dairy farming to allow time for effective measures to be discerned and adopted regarding safe water ways.

A true long term plan is far more than for ten years, and this should be indicated in your broader view. You need to press pause on such activities that involve land and water uses.

Also, I see no reference in the plan regarding prohibiting building development on food-producing land. As an example, I've been horrified to see what's happened to the Marshlands Road area of north eastern Christchurch.

From the late 1960s onwards, when I first lived in the area with my family, that was the food bowl, huge tracts now covered by straight grey streets filled with grey-roofed houses that are encroaching ever closer over what's left of the rich marshlands soils. Of course, Cranford Street was once one of those, as well. And what about Lincoln?

I would like to know if you have a policy of protecting vital food-producing land close to the city and nearby towns, or will they continue to be swallowed up without thought to future needs of the population?

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

I believe provision of rail as public transport should be an integral part of any climate change plan. I don't understand, for instance, when the tracks are already there, why it is not possible for a commuter train to go to outlying towns such as Rangiora. It's not enough to say there are no stations and they would be expensive to build. That is a short-term, short-sighted answer to what is a long term solution.

An important part of community resilience, I believe, is that of feeling listened to. Small communities need to feel they have a say alongside larger, powerful corporate entities, and that what they say and feel matters, too.

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

See above comments, queries and suggestions.

Regarding the recent colour change of the buses: As a sometime user of public transport around the city and wider suburbs, I thought having separate colours for separate routes was brilliant, a master stroke. It made life so much easier if a bus was coming towards you and you could tell which route it was by the colour, rather than wait until it was almost at the stop.

But now, apart from the Orbiter, that's all changed. I read some explanation about the change, which still made no sense at all for changing a system that was working so well.

I do wonder if the person responsible for the change, and the cost incurred, actually went to the bus exchange, talked to the people there and rode on the buses - or just decided it was a good idea to stamp his/her mark.

I believe it's a backward step and a great shame.

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

I realise cost comes into all these things, however, I believe good leadership means taking the people with you, as far as possible - both rural and urban.

Citizens need to see bold, truly visionary steps, truly long-term, to secure the future of our environment for next generations.

I used to take my children to Coes Ford for a picnic at the river in summer.

I cannot take my grandchildren there. The water is too polluted.

You're never going to please everyone, but please think of the children and what we want for their future.

Without the environment there is no economy, in the late Jeanette Fitzsimmons words.

Thanks for this opportunity, and Good Luck.

Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below:

Hurunui 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 . On-demand public transport services

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

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