

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?

Ecan has not tried hard enough to get its regional plan recognised as a substitute for the EFW plan, I'm unwilling to support any new initiatives until this has been sorted with central govt. Ecan has proposed significant rate rises to the rural ratepayers and risks losing rural willingness to put time and money into enhancement projects on farm

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?

Remove any spending that involves writing of new plans until Ecan has consulted with the Govt on why it needs a new plan when it has spent large amounts of taxpayers funds on a regional plan.

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

Water and Land	Yes
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Yes
Climate Change and Community Resilience	No
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	Unsure
Regional and Strategic Leadership	No

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

Water and Land portfolio comments:

Don't support rewriting of a EFW plan until Ecan has lobbied Govt on the need to spend millions on rewriting a new plan when it already has a plan that it has put significant time and effort into.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

According to the rate calculator our multi family farming enterprise which involves 2 arable and 2 dairy farms, total rates will rise from \$26,024/yr to \$41,305/yr

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Rate rise is skewed to rural properties, Ecan needs to fight for its regional plan before embarking on any new initiatives

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? No

Any further comments on the use of borrowing for operating expenditure?

Borrowing should only be for capital infrastructure, over the life of the asset and should not be a burden to future ratepayers.

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

Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?

Yes, however I would be concerned that there is a risk of a lack of clarity in over complicated fee structures relating to regulations on consent holders

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

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

The Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge is a pilot of environmental infrastructure to address water quality. To continue enhancing this infrastructure, the project would require ongoing targeted rates from the Ashburton district. Find out more [\[link\]](#). Do you want to see this project continue? Yes

Any further comments on Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge? Yes

This is a project for the Hinds Plains ratepayers to decide on that has proven itself to lower legacy ground water N levels and enhance water volume and quality in the Hinds river and drains, along with significant reductions in N loss being made by farmers on there farms throughout the area. Recent public meetings at Mayfield and Hinds gained unanimous support for this project receiving targeted rate support.

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?

- . Word of mouth
- . Newspaper
- . 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