

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

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

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

I feel that water quality and use is the main pressures facing Canterbury.

Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with? Other option (please specify)

I prefer that the main polluters be charged for the contamination of the river. This means there is no subsidisation of the polluters by rate payers.

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?

I believe that fixing the rivers and reducing the nitrate levels in the be ground water need to be reduced. The level specified by Danish studies is a lot less than the 11.3 ppm required in New Zealand. I believe that New Zealand has too high land intensification. This has lead to high concentrations of dairy farms and nitrates. This has lead to higher cancer rates in Canterbury.

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

Water and Land	Yes
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Yes
Climate Change and Community Resilience	Yes
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	No
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:

I believe that Canterbury is facing a watershed moment with environmental issues. For too many years there has been too much irrigation and farming which has led to water pollution. I think as a ratepayer I should assist environmental work. But not a 24 or 18 percent charge increase. I believe the polluters should cover the cost and farmers the cost of protecting waterways in their farm. That is the cost of business. Their actions which lead the nitrates in water are too high and need to be lower.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

I realise that we all have to contribute towards cost of the environment. However, the companies or people causing environmental damage pay.

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? Yes

Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?

There needs to be more focus on listening to the community to consider the environment. Too many companies are getting permission to release by products into the environment. They should bear the cost and come up with a solution that does not leave the responsibility on ratepayers or taxpayers.

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

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 . Other initiative/s

Should we continue investing in MyWay by Metro, Timaru's on-demand public transport service, after the trial period is completed? No

Any further comments on MyWay by Metro? No

I believe we have a limited income and cannot bear such a steep increase

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? . Environment Canterbury website

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