

## 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?** 25-39 years old

**Which suburb or area do you live in?**

**Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?** Yes

**Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?** Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives

**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 don't feel like I have enough information to really judge any specific action outlined in the plan fairly. But I generally support all actions mentioned and do not oppose any.

I trust that the additions of option 1 will have a bigger pay off (environmental, societal, or monetary) than the money going into them. Even if they don't I'd rather pay the extra few dollars a week and have the plans fail than save a little money and not give them the chance.

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

<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

**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?** 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?** No

**Any further comments on Uniform Annual General Charges?**

I am generally opposed to any flat rate charges when proportional charges are an option. The proposed changes to the UAGC seem like they would be inconsequential to any property owner but it still seems unfair to hit those with less with the same charges as those with more.

**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?**

While it might be more "fair" to spread those costs out over time for those that might not see their benefits it doesn't seem necessary considering the relatively small amount it would offset for any one rate payer. What's a few \$10s of dollars for the average rate payer?

The difference to a single rate payer is small, but the potential amount of interest paid over the course of the loan may be large compared to the year 1 offset.

Rates are going to go up over time and paying off interest on top of those increases is only going to make things worse.

If the loans were for major investment into new revenue streams that would actually reduce rates in the future I would support them. But borrowing for operating expenditure is not what I want to see.

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

**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?** Word of mouth

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