

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 |
| 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 know all the functions and services Ecan is responsible for, so I don't know what is missing. | |
| 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 Yes

Regional and Strategic Leadership Yes

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

Water and Land portfolio comments:

I like option 1 as it gives support for landowners to assist with compliance and support implementation of the framework.

It is time consuming and frustrating for farmers to be audited for their compliance. I propose that farmers who are compliant, trustworthy and capable be given an exemption.

Freshwater bottling.

I do not understand how single use plastic bottles are allowed to be filled with water. We have so much contamination from the plastic pellets used to make this plastic all over our beaches.

I am puzzled as to why all my life we have had water restrictions during dry seasons and told it is because we are short of water. Since the water bottling plants have been in the news, we are now told we have plenty of water in the aquifers and the problem is the pipes and infrastructure. I would like to know the truth.

I am concerned over allowing bottling with TPP in place. Will we be able to stop companies bottling if we have a water shortage? Our aquifers in Christchurch have plenty of water at the moment but I wonder what will happen when we don't have the spring snow melt as there isn't any snow due to climate change. Hopefully the rain will fill the rivers.

I want more education for farmers. Many are struggling with the changes. A farming family, who are relatives, will not talk about plantings to us townies as they believe townies hate the farmers and also they feel so resentful of having to plant. They say that if they plant they cannot get to their waterways to clean out the streams where the fish are dying. They do not understand that plants respire 24 hours a day and deplete the water of oxygen at night which may be the cause of the dying fish, and also, the plantings will stop the nitrogen and other fertilizer entering the streams so the streams will not need clearing out.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

It would be great to have more collaboration on projects between the farmers and the general public.

Land use: It is sad to see good farming and horticultural land, eg Lincoln, Marshland, being built on. Land needs to be allocated to different activities depending on its type.

The national allowable nitrate levels are regarded as very high. We need to follow latest research and not the allowable levels to keep everyone safe.

Restoring biodiversity and the health of Canterbury's braided rivers is a priority. I have seen photo's of the mess they are in and it's tragic.

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

Prevent building and activities that will not be viable in the future due to rising sea levels. This needs to be dealt with not, not when it happens.

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

The clean air we now have is impressive.

There are still some log burners in Christchurch which emit bad smoke. This can affect me badly and it limits where I go on a winters night. Financial support for low income people for their replacement to pellet fires and the new clean burning logburners, needs to be implemented.

Public Transport Network:

I support the changes.

Reduce fares. I am catching the bus more to reduce my carbon footprint. Being free as I am retired is also a major incentive. Why not free transport in the weekend so families can use it?

Next Stop sign. In Basil, in Switzerland, the buses have a next stop destination flashing up and also route maps in the buses. We didn't dread using the buses as we knew where to get off. I find it hard to know when to ring the bell on my closest bus route when coming home. Travelling on unknown routes is a challenge. This sign would make bus travel easier.

Advertising: Announcing that the bus routes will be better does not make people more likely to catch a bus. They sell lots of Coca Cola and Toyotas by selling values of friendship, fun, connection. Perhaps advertising these will help improve numbers on the buses.

Buses do not travel near the Art Gallery, except for one route. From St Albans, it is quicker to walk to that area than catch the bus and walk. The buses need to go down Colombo Street. Christchurch used to have free electric shuttle buses that went around the central city. Could these be put back in action?

My Way Metro. If more people are using it in Timaru, then the funding should continue. If it works in Timaru, try it here. I am concerned that the arrival time cannot be guaranteed. I usually travel in regard to arrival times - eg, appointments.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

Our household can afford this.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community? Don't know

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

I think a good part of the community will not be able to afford it.

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

Any further comments on Uniform Annual General Charges?

I don't understand why everyone should pay for Recreational Boating Safety.

Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates? Yes

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

As interest rates are low, I think this should be done.

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 . On-demand public transport services

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

Any further comments?

We have a climate crisis. It needs dealing with.

Thank you for asking for my input.

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?

- . Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- . Meeting, hui or event

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