

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? 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 think Option 1 is a genuine attempt to try to address the crises we face around climate change and biodiversity loss, while balancing the costs to ratepayers. However, the truth is we need to go much further than option 1 and the sooner we take action the more likely we are to change the course of the current trajectory and the cheaper it will be as well. We can't dodge these problems, we can't leave them for our children to solve. Our past decisions have caught up on this and we need to take urgent action to address land use, freshwater quality, biodiversity and carbon emissions.

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 believe it is the right of every child in Canterbury to be able to swim in their local river and to gather kai from their environment. At the moment, there are very few freshwater rivers and lakes we can swim in near Christchurch and I worry whether kai moana is safe to eat. I know land use change and freshwater quality are gnarly issues. It will take some big changes and some big investment to solve and I look forward to seeing how the new Freshwater regulations will make a difference. I support Option 1 but would like to see this go even further. I want changes to happen within a generation not 100 years.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

I support the extension of Me Uru Rakau, additional funding for pest control, a the contestable fund for community environment projects, additional funding for environmental education, expansion of the Enviroschools programme, more funding for wetland restoration and protection of our braided rivers. I particularly support investment in Pest Free Banks Peninsula. Habitat restoration and predator control are key to bringing back our native birds, lizards and invertebrates and we will see a spillover to Christchurch City. It will also provide a model for the wider Canterbury region. Nature-based solutions will be key to our response to climate change and ECAN has the opportunity and the responsibility to take a leadership role for Canterbury.

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

Yes I support the proposed works in Option 1 and would argue that we need to invest more funding in into this area. We are already seeing the effects of climate change now and we need to take urgent and meaningful action rather than incremental change.

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

In an effort to reduce our household carbon emissions, I have been using the public bus service. And I have to say it needs to be a lot better than it is. The bus only goes every 30 mins and it is frequently late. It takes twice the time as driving and it is no cheaper than taking a car. Public transport has a crucial role supporting those with few transport options. But we need to think of those who do have transport options, who can choose to jump in their car instead. It is going to take a lot of effort to change behaviour, we are a car culture. Public transport needs to be so easy and affordable people want to take the bus. Buses every 15 mins, free fares, more routes. Really excited by the My Way Trial in Timaru.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household? Option 1 is affordable

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

I am prepared to pay more in rates to see more urgent action to protect and restore our natural environment and reduce our carbon emissions. I would rather pay now than put this burden onto our children.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community? Yes

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Although some of the increases seem high at first glance, the cost of inaction or minimal action is actually much higher in the long term.

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

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?

I do not support borrowing. We have already put enough of a burden on our children, we need to be prepared to take action now and pay for it now too.

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

Do you wish to speak to your submission? Yes

We may use your phone number to contact you to arrange attendance at a hearing. This information will be kept private.

Phone number

How did you find out about giving feedback? . Environment Canterbury website
Email

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