

Comments

LTP 2021-31

Comment ID	828
Response Date	11/04/21 7:31 AM
Status	Submitted
Submission Type	Web
Version	0.1
First name	Robert
Surname	Manthei
Email address	
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
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?

There needs to be an urgent focus on the environment generally, and climate change and the urgency to change behaviours and policies to reflect the crisis facing society. At a more specific level, transportation needs to be addressed: a low cost inner city shuttle is urgent, especially if the CCC continues to tout 20,000 residents within the four ayes. And, one of the most pressing matters is the continued pollution of our waterways (rivers, lakes, ground water) and the protection of our off-shore marine habitats. In a sense, everything needs attention--NOW.

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
- . Climate Change and Community Resilience
- . Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development

Water and Land portfolio comments:

Immediate restrictions must be placed on dairy farms: over-stocking, water use and pollution, nitrate leaching into ground waters. Clean rivers and lakes are not a negotiable--they need to be restored and protected from future misuse.

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

All the things mentioned in the report are important, but looking at things overall, there needs to be several strong, important initiatives to change how we are abusing the environment and ignoring the effects of climate change (higher ocean levels, for instance). Incremental creep/change (slow, small changes that hurt no-one) in this area is something we can no longer afford to pursue. We need BIG changes, now.

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

Clean air is a human right--I think there has been progress in that area. Transportation is an example of an area that needs a bold, big step taken to change our dependence on the motorcar. The problems associated with battery powered cars, trucks, etc also need to be spelled. That is not the pancea, but I think people feel now that if they simply buy a new electric vehicle, the problem is solved.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

The longer we put off substantial changes in behaviour, the more expensive change becomes. There is no easy or cheap option, the option of doing nothing will be far more expensive and traumatic for everyone.

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?

As usual, those with the least will face the largest financial demands (relative to their ability to pay). This in itself demands a major shift of income/finances from the richer citizens to the lower income groups. These changes cannot be made without greater financial equity across society.

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? 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

. On-demand public transport services
. 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?

. Newspaper
. Meeting, hui or event

Your information is held and administered by Environment Canterbury in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and Environment Canterbury's Privacy Policy.

There is personal information/contact details in my submission I do not want disclosed:

No