

Comments

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Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation? Yes, I'm submitting on behalf of an organisation

Which organisation are you submitting on behalf of? Seed The Change | He Kākano Hāpai

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?

We support the focus areas, but feel strongly that we need a greater sense of urgency in addressing the environmental regeneration initiatives in particular, in turn underpinning the all-important community wellbeing and resilience objectives.

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
.	Regional and Strategic Leadership

Water and Land portfolio comments:

Water quality remains a pressing issue and it feels that, across the board, we are making marginal efforts only to address the obvious related concerns. A significantly increased focus on stopping and mitigating nitrate and ecoli pollution in particular is encouraged as a priority.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

Regenerating our seriously compromised natural environment and ecosystems must be priority number one in our view; without significant, rapid progress on this front the other long-run objectives are merely theoretical. We, the generations that follow, and our natural heritage all require urgent and bold action here. Nothing else will do.

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

Exactly! It is past time for action. Bold, urgent, results-oriented action! Without discounting the needs for intelligent analysis; meaningful consultation and engagement; and the identification of matching resources - these things are all moot if we have mediocre, unambitious, 100% de-risked/"safe" responses on everything. And we simply don't have time for any such perfectionist approach to the issues du'jour. Information is always imperfect and the future is always unknown; this is the environment in which leadership operates. Do too little too late is the only real possible failure in this environment.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

1. We simply can't afford not to get on with the job of addressing the challenges before us with focus and conviction. All the alternatives are grim, involve increasing suffering for everyone, and will increase the environmental, social and financial costs over time.
2. And we know from the plethora of modelling of these challenges globally that the financial costs of meaningful action are relatively modest in the scheme of things. And it's literally only a few dollars a week right?!
3. And there are myriad opportunities available only to those who have the courage to move into these emergent spaces early. Ōtautahi / Waitaha should connect with its progressive roots and move into this space with confidence and commitment; we know what can be done and we know that we have the capacity and capability to meet the challenges and opportunities of the day!

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

It's time to invite others into supporting a broader, region-wide wholistic vision of the future we all aspire to and then work more collaboratively and intentionally to distribute the load across the spectrum of regulatory, philanthropic, business and community groups. Intelligently coordinated, resourcing should not be a practical constraint on the work ahead of us and the formation and operationalisation of such deeply strategic collaborations should be an ECan priority.

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

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

Funds are historically very cheap. Why would we not fill our boots to fund and accelerate genuinely value-adding projects?

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

- . On-demand public transport services
- . Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality
- . Other initiative/s (please specify)

Other initiative/s (please specify) Christchurch

Linked up biodiversity corridors across the wider Waitaha region.

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?

Thank you to all involved in the governance and management of the ECan portfolio of responsibilities and opportunities; it is a big and important set of work and we are grateful for your commitment to these issues on our collective behalf ☐☐.

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

Would you like to be kept up-to-date with the outcome of this consultation? Yes

How did you find out about giving feedback? . Email
Other (please specify)

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