

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 strongly support Option 1!! It would be a great shame to have to settle for Option 2. I agree with your understanding that the community is calling for faster, more urgent action and strongly support option 1 and think it is a small price to pay for all the added benefits over option 2. I would like to see the positive, proactive changes at a scale at least as great as Option 1 and would be willing to pay even for more.

I really like the Contestable Community and Enviroschools fund. I definitely don't think the extra Enviroschools funding should be dropped as there is so much demand for it and it is crucial to the future of our region to be educating our young people. They also have some influence over their families

perspectives.

I also support the investment in compliance officers to ensure that all businesses, organisations, groups and individuals are adhering to the regulations that are in place for the effective management of our environment.

I wonder at the biodiversity strategy having a bit more focus on land use, and particularly land use change that adversely effects biodiversity, as well as pest management and climate change as habitat loss is often the primary challenge faced by biodiversity (e.g. all the reports coming out of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity) but often gets less focus than some of the other more popular challenges like pests and climate change.

I believe Biodiversity consciousness should be mainstreamed across all the work that ECan does.

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:

Re the active regeneration of the natural environment and tree planting programme: I agree this is important but care should be taken with which species are planted and natives prioritised e.g. not lots of pine trees that can cause massive land subsidence issues when felled and contribute to wilding pine issues.

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

RE flood protection and infrastructure: I support eco-friendly options, not hard infrastructure. I also don't think millions should be spent protecting a small number of coastal or river plain houses that will be unsustainable to live in in the next few decades with sea level rise.

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

I would like to see the trial MyWay in Timaru carried through to completion and implementing at a larger scale if data show that to be a good approach to the current public transport options.

I also think there should be incentives for people to switch to electric transport options for both public and private use - it's the obvious low hanging fruit for reduction in urban carbon emissions (as shown by the Climate Change Commission report).

I also wonder about focussing on people in the transition phase from school or university to working in terms of incentives for using public transport. They are more likely to when they are younger because it is free or perhaps they can't afford cars but if you can get them to continue using public transport as they transition to work (e.g. by free fares for the first year they are working or another strategy) then even when they are able to afford private vehicles they may be more likely to have formed a habit of using public transport.

I strongly support the development of safe (particularly separated) cycleways.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

We have a high WTP for Environmental governance and improvements. We wouldn't mind paying more to subsidise families that genuinely can't afford it.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

If we don't invest now there will be more to pay later so we owe it to our children and community to do our part now. Being proactive rather than waiting until it's about to go horribly wrong and needing large amounts of damage control is always going to be cheaper in the long run.

Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges? Yes

Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates? Don't know

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

If you can do it without borrowing do, but if there are genuinely not enough funds or it is decided that it is unaffordable for too many people then I would support borrowing to ensure that the work is done.

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

Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?

Compliance regulation is crucial to spend money on or the planning is a waste of time.

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

Any further comments?

It is the role of national, regional and local government to act in the interest of the population they serve, even when it makes some people unhappy. And you represent an environment that has no voice of its own. I hope you as councillors will be brave with this strategy and absorb some of the flack from people who may think only about themselves and their money and not about the region at large and the future for those who will bear the consequences of our good or bad, generous or greedy decisions now. As Dr Suess puts it at the end of The Lorax, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not".

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?
. Newspaper
. Meeting, hui or event

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

Tell us which information you do not want disclosed:

First name (please use _____), email address, phone number