

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?	No
What do you feel are the significant challenges and opportunities we face?	Have not paid enough attention to the social implications of your 'portfolios'
Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?	Other option (please specify)

There needs to be some push back on the statutory work particularly relating to Fresh Water as much of this work has been done in the regional plans already developed through community consultation and at considerable cost to the Council AND the communities

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 should not be altering our previously agreed Plan changes , developed through full community consultation until they are due for review. This creates unnecessary stress on the communities and the councils budgets.

Regional and strategic leadership is important but only when data is collected to ensure the decisions make are fact based.

Likewise biodiversity and bio security is important but care must be given to ensure the time frames are financially prudent - we cannot always 'turn back the clock' and need to consider the speed which our community can afford.

Climate change and resilience need to occur balanced across our whole economy and also mindful of the social and economic costs of such decisions.

Air quality - states 'not impacting on the wellbeing of our communities' - why is this any different to any of the other portfolios? We dont have an opportunity for public transport so would rather leave comment on this to those who it affects.

Urban development should abide by the same rules as any other development - what is its impact on the environment and how can these impacts be mitigated - urban subdivisions should abide by the same rules as any other development project

Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:

Water and Land	No
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Yes
Climate Change and Community Resilience	Unsure
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	No
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):

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

As a rural landholder we have proposed to have a much larger rate increase the our urban counterparts - more of the proposed additional charges should be UAGC across all rate payers. That said where specific charges relate to a specific area they should cover these charges in full BUT if there is some community benifit as well then a portion may need to be a UAGC

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community? No

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

There is no need for much of the Freshwater related rate increases - we/You need to push back to Government and say we already have plans in place that address these issues and further changes to the targets will be made when the Plan Changes reviews are scheduled

Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges? No

Any further comments on Uniform Annual General Charges?

There should be a greater weighting to UAGC as many of the proposed cost increases have a benefit to the whole community not just a few individuals

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?

We should be living within our means and NOT pushing the liability out to future years or future generations

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?

Yes even though it affects me, I think that full recovery of costs attributable to a specific person/activity should be cost recovery

Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below: Ashburton district

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

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

The Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge is a pilot of environmental infrastructure to address water quality. To continue enhancing this infrastructure, the project would require ongoing targeted rates from the Ashburton district. Find out more [link]. Do you want to see this project continue? Yes

Any further comments on Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge? Yes

I have seen the results to date from the pilot project and it is clear that it is working. This is only part of the mitigations required to meet our plan change reduction targets - the on farm mitigations are also critical and need to occur in tandem with MAR to have any chance of meeting the targets set in PC2. Recent public meetings in catchment showed very high support for the MAR project and the need for on farm mitigations to continue in tandem

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?

Ecan , our representatives, need to stand strong to the Government. We already have Plan changes which follow the trajectory the the Fresh water package will encourage. We should be telling Government we are already on a journey and if addition amendments are required/possible at a later review date this can be done.

Our community has spent a considerable sums of money through time and rates to get the current Plans in place and started us on a journey - as you state in your 10 yr plan document we need to consider 'the impact on the wellbeing of our communities' - this is critical - social , economic and cultural all together NOT just in isolation.

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?

- . Word of mouth
- . Newspaper
- . Meeting, hui or event
- . Email

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