

## Comments

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<b>Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?</b>	No, I'm submitting as an individual
<b>Are you willing to tell us more about yourself?</b>	Yes
<b>Which age category are you in?</b>	40-64 years old
<b>Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?</b>	Yes
<b>Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?</b>	Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives
<b>Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:</b>	
<b>Water and Land</b>	Yes
<b>Biodiversity and Biosecurity</b>	Yes
<b>Climate Change and Community Resilience</b>	Yes
<b>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</b>	Yes
<b>Regional and Strategic Leadership</b>	Yes
<b>Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate Change and Community Resilience</li> <li>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</li> </ul>

**Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:**

Climate change needs to be part of all of the portfolios- not separated. It affects everything and should therefore underpin the decisions being made in each portfolio- whether water, land, transport or leadership or whatever.

**Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:**

Transportation affects environment, health, social equity and general quality of life in our city. We have a very siloed approach to managing transportation in Christchurch with too many agencies and not enough accountability for outcomes. I would eventually like to see a single agency with accountability for all transportation - including active transport such as cycling.

Our track record on public transport is poor. We are currently the largest city in Australasia without a light rail system. We have a barely adequate bus network and very few low emission buses. Bus routes have been cut in our suburbs and safe cycleways are inadequate or patchy, so people living barely 5km from work and schools choose to drive and pay for parking, rather than catch a bus. We need to invest in public transport that is fast, frequent and affordable- and is within less than half a kilometer walking distance of most homes.

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

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

**Any further comments on affordability for the community?**

The option of doing the bare minimum is not affordable in the long term. You need to consider the costs we are putting on future generations as a result of present inaction. Option 1 is, in effect, part of the cost of the action of previous generations which we are now faced with paying. It won't get any cheaper.

**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?**      Yes

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

Given current interest rates, this would appear to be a sensible option to consider

**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**

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

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

*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