

## Comments

### LTP 2021-31

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First name

Surname

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? 25-39 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?

Nitrate levels in fresh water affecting fresh water ecology, aquifer contamination, and fresh water drinking risk.

Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with? Other option (please specify)

That Environment Canterbury prioritise and resource an urgent plan change that actively provides for public input when processing resource water consents that have consequences for public health and the environment. Cost of this to be borne by the users of nitrogen primarily, rate payers secondary.

**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?**

The current elements of the plan fail to address recent decisions on nitrate use in farming, (consents on raising the acceptable nitrogen usage is a recent example), and will cause the above issues on ecology, aquifers, and long term water cleanliness security. Great to see the focus on public transport with a preference for Option 1 elements, gladly accept the rates raise.

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

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| <b>Water and Land</b>                               | No     |
| <b>Biodiversity and Biosecurity</b>                 | No     |
| <b>Climate Change and Community Resilience</b>      | No     |
| <b>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</b> | Yes    |
| <b>Regional and Strategic Leadership</b>            | Unsure |

**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?** Option 1 is affordable

**Any further comments on affordability for your household?**

Happy with raise, would accept more to fund greater change.

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

**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?**

Smart borrowing is good. Happy to have a higher yearly rates cost to save on borrowing interest.

**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** . Other initiative/s (please specify)

**Other initiative/s (please specify) Christchurch**

Aquifer recharge is an 'ambulance at the bottom of the cliff'. Fix freshwater quality at the source, reduce allowable nitrogen use, focus on controlling discharge, support farmers with this transition.

**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?** . Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)  
 . 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:** Prefer to keep my surname private.