

## 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>Which suburb or area do you live in?</b>	
<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>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?</b>	

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The revenue from this should be spent on more and more cycling infrastructure and electric trains for regional and intercity travel.  
Individual cars (even electric cars) are nowhere near as efficient as cycling and electric trains.

Oh and we have far too many cows !!!!!!!

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Using far too much Nitrogen fertiliser to grow food for these hungry cows.

These cows further pollute our water and the nitrogen increases recently are horrific.

The milk from these cows is then dried using coal - this should be illegal !!

This is then exported far away - more fossil fuels- and lastly it is sold as a low priced, base commodity on the dehydrated milk market.

There are so many things wrong with how we are farming.

I understand that these farmers need time to change, lets have a sinking lid on Nitrogen, cow numbers and banning coal use ASAP.

<b>Do you have any further comments on the</b>	.	Water and Land
<b>activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please</b>	.	Climate Change and Community Resilience
<b>select all those you wish to comment on):</b>	.	Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development

#### **Water and Land portfolio comments:**

As I said above - we have far too many cows.

The pollution associated with the current methods of farming is far from sustainable.

Copied from above to be sure that this is counted, and perhaps even counted twice ;)

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

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

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

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

the cost of inaction is far, far worse !!!!!!!!!!!

**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?**

only if it makes prudent financial sense

**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**

I'm not sure about the above two questions - I actually support trained professionals making these decisions rather than untrained, ill-informed ratepayers worrying about their wallets !!

**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?**

Thanks for your work.

I can imagine it's not an easy job and it certainly is hard to get the balance right.

However we are in unprecedented times, and we cannot carry on with too many cows and increasing Green House Gas emissions !!!

**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?**

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

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