

## 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?**

The continual changing of the goal posts. Priorities seem to have been given to renewing plans instead of utilising the \$60m that has already been invested in the current and working plans

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

There should be a 10% rate rise cap and work within that budget not a 25% increase and the decided how to waste the money!

**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?**

ECAN should prioritise land and flood protection, biosecurity and utilise the plans that we have already spent \$60m on. Cut spending on enviro schools, youth engagement, (these are already implemented within individual schools) me uru rakau involved spending. This is unrealistic to be funded by the rate payers and should be covered by the Government.

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

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

<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>	<input type="checkbox"/> Water and Land
	<input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity and Biosecurity
	<input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change and Community Resilience
	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional and Strategic Leadership

**Water and Land portfolio comments:**

We do not support redoing all our plans to match with EFW. It appears ECAN have disregarded all the work they have done over the previous years.

**Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:**

We need to continue with some of the biodiversity plans such as wetland restoration, habitats at risk. Biosecurity to be continued and stepped up.

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

To support continued river and flooding resilience. Not happy with community and climate change. Seems too expensive.

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

To put us in the same bracket as urban is unconceivable as the population in urban vs rural is no comparable. The proposed formula that rural sector could end up topping up the urban public transport system is unconceivable as rural do not have access to this on a regular basis. Urban sprawl that is encroaching into the rural sector is showing that the public transport system will not work and be expensive to run and not utilised correctly.

**Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:**

ECAN seems to have lost their way in spending a lot of money on projects that don't fall within their sector ie youth engagement, enviro schools, these should be funded by the government (MOE) not rate payers.

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

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

The increase will impact on all rural families as we are already paying for fees on all existing plans and compliances that is needed to meet our good farming management requirements. An high rural increase does not align with the urban increase. Rural should not be carrying all the extra costs of living in a urban area.

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

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

ECAN should produce a plan/budget that highlights/justifies the increase/spending before demanding more money from ratepayers. Bad management practice, poorly run and no proper direction. Should not be playing with peoples lives and well being. Enforced price hikes will lead to serious stress within the rural sector which could lead to more suicides, family breakups and a general break down in day to day farming. You are ment to be supporting our land and the people that farm it not trying to ruin lives and land.

**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?**

Charges need to be directed evenly including Chch urban dwellers.

**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?**

The basis of a good budget is "you don't spend what you don't have". So borrowing wont help!

**Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy?** Don't know

**Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?**

I am a yes and no reply however rural are being forced to pay a lot more that urban. Change is good but only if it works for all and is supported by all and not targeting one sector or the other.

**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** . Other initiative/s

**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**

this needs to be directed to the hinds plains area. More info needed.

**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?** . Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)  
Word of mouth

*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