

# 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? 65+ years old

Which suburb or area do you live in?

Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and Yes opportunities?

Which of the proposed options would you like to Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and

see us progress with? accelerating key initiatives

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

**Water and Land** Yes

**Biodiversity and Biosecurity** Yes

**Climate Change and Community Resilience** Yes

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Yes

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):

Water and Land

#### Water and Land portfolio comments:

Judging by the poor state our waterways have degenerated to over the last 20 years, Ecan either do not have the tools to assure water quality or they have not used regulatory powers as they should. Either way this objective of their commitment has not been met and consideration has to be given as to whether quality water for drinking and recreation can ever be restored. Currently people cannot walk dogs or children along rivers because of toxic algae; they fear the level of nitrates in their drinking water; there are very few fish in the water compared with times gone by; people do not swim in rivers as before. Much of this deterioration has occurred during the time that Ecan was overseeing this vital resource.

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

We are fortunate in that we can say we are willing to pay the costs of environmental protection.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a Don't know whole for the Canterbury community?

Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges? Don't know

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?

This is a recognised way of government or private enterprise financing capital expenditure. Better to have government borrowing than current borrowing for private housing purchase.

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:

Selwyn 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

On-demand public transport services

Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality

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?

The name ENVIRONMENT Canterbury carries a direct implication that care of the environment is the paramount motivation of this body. Many are of the opinion that decisions made by ENVIRONMENT Canterbury have served the interests of big business rather than our ENVIRONMENT.

Do you wish to speak to your submission? No

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

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