

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
Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?	Yes
Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?	Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and 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):	<input type="checkbox"/> Water and Land <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity and Biosecurity

Water and Land portfolio comments:

I struggle with what you say you will do & what has & is still happening to our waterways. You want our money to progress the Hinds aquifer recharge & fail to notify the public of huge irrigation consents up for renewal in the same area.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

Option 1 is a 30 percent increase, totally unacceptable when councils are trying to keep rate rises under 5 percent. It's like a landlord keeping rent the same for years & then putting it up by 30 percent. Not good practice.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

It's not affordable for people on fixed incomes. A lot have been hit hard by covid, coming off mortgage holidays & having to pay increased costs on insurance & rates.

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?

Borrowing money has never been cheaper, it is better to use bank money.

Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy? No

Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?

Regional parks & forests, why charge? Organizers have to pay costs to run events, eg hire toilets, tents, traffic compliance, quite often the profit goes to charity or is a fundraiser for their club. We all have a right to use these public spaces.

Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below: Waimakariri 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

Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality

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

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?

I feel very sad & disillusioned that Ecan has been collecting our rates for decades, and now when initiatives are being led by central government , we're facing 30 percent increase in rates to fund what should have been happening years ago. Glossy brochures wont give us back our rivers & lakes.

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)

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There is personal information/contact details in my submission I do not want disclosed:

No