

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
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

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?

Thank you for the opportunity of providing feedback on Ecan's LTP.

Our preferred option is Option 1, in fact this should be the absolute minimum that is done. There is so much needing to be done for the environment, and only a limited timeframe to achieve it before we are at the point of no return. Even although the increase on rates percentage wise is significant, the actual dollar amount is not, and the work is vitally important.

In particular, the points that we think are of particular significance are:

- Protecting and improving our fresh water. The ecological limits for fresh water need to be stronger to ensure that freshwater species can survive in the short term and thrive in the longer term. Increasing rates and the costs associated with cleaning up waterways doesn't make sense when polluting corporate

resource consents are renewed without public consultation. The current nitrate limits set for Canterbury are atrocious and intensive dairy farming is a disaster for both water quality and climate change. Now is the time for bold leadership in this regard. A reduction in nitrate limits, caps on herd sizes (reducing each year) and no new consents for dairy conversions must be part of the solution that begins to address this environmental catastrophe.

- Biodiversity restoration and protection. The tree planting programme Me Uru Rākau, pest control measures and the creation of a contestable community fund are good measures to support biodiversity. There is growing public interest in biodiversity restoration and increased funding avenues are required to facilitate this vital work. The sooner restoration can occur, the sooner we reap the benefits.

- Increasing the capacity of the Enviroschools programme. Ideally every school should be an Enviroschool, not just those that opt in. It is essential that we equip this generation of students with the knowledge and skills needed to protect our environment.

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
.	Biodiversity and Biosecurity

Water and Land portfolio comments:

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Biodiversity and Biosecurity 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?

We can't afford to NOT do this vital work. Even although the increase on rates percentage wise is significant, the actual dollar amount is not, and the work is vitally important.

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

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? No

Any further comments on the use of borrowing for operating expenditure?

I think borrowing just 'kicks the can down the road'. We don't know what unanticipated future challenges will arise and what resources will be needed to meet those challenges.

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: 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 . Other initiative/s (please specify)

Other initiative/s (please specify) Selwyn

- Green recycling bins or depot to stop dumping/burning green waste
- Begin to work towards some initiatives to reduce farm burn offs
- I do not support investment in aquifer recharge. Farmers should not be permitted to take huge amounts of water out of the rivers for irrigation requiring the need for aquifer recharge

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? . Email

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