

## 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>	
I support the plan, and support Option 1. Given we are in a climate and ecological emergency, measures to protect biodiversity, improve our water and reduce GHG emissions need to be taken urgently.	
<b>Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:</b>	
<b>Water and Land</b>	Yes
<b>Biodiversity and Biosecurity</b>	Yes

<b>Climate Change and Community Resilience</b>	Yes
<b>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</b>	Yes
<b>Regional and Strategic Leadership</b>	Yes

<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>	. Water and Land
	. Climate Change and Community Resilience
	. Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
	. Regional and Strategic Leadership

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

I want to see far more done around preventing synthetic nitrate use, and around reducing the amount of water that can be taken to irrigate. The Canterbury plains never were suitable places for dairying - either in climate or in soil type - and if dairying was paying the true cost, including having to clean up the water, it would not be financially viable.

I want to see control of our Canterbury water returned to ECan, and the removal of power from the Water Zone committees.

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

I want to see an end to the extraction of coal in the Canterbury District and certainly do not support the expansion of any coal mine.

See also my comments on transport GHG reductions.

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

Two points:

Instead of focusing on free buses versus the electric shuttle, you should be looking into the Zone Zero proposal of Axel Wilke. This has been around for a while and I'm not sure why you aren't aware of it. It would make all buses within the four aves free. It has the advantage (over the shuttle) of:

- covering a much greater area of the central city
- being cheaper in that it uses already existing buses which have plenty of space in them when they leave the exchange
- encouraging people onto buses in the first place, which can lead to increased bus use outside the four aves.

Given that transport accounts for the largest proportion of GHG emissions in Canterbury, I want to see a very fast improvement in public transport, including both bus and rail - to electric buses, and to using the rail lines to Rolleston and Rangiora forthwith. Whatever the issue is between yourselves and CCC on getting rail running needs to be addressed immediately - it's now been over a year since you were voted in and still we have no rail and massive congestion on those routes.

#### **Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:**

I want to see you fund a substantial education campaign to inform the public around the risks we face in terms of the climate and ecological crisis. This would likely increase the public mandate for you to act, and would therefore be beneficial to you.

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

**Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community?**      Yes

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

Given we are in a climate and ecological emergency, we have no choice but to fund action on these. Failing to do so will result in much larger costs later. Equity is important, and we must not leave those with less behind. It is important that the increase in rates is heavily loaded towards those with more, so that those with less are not so impacted, and those at the bottom are not impacted at all.

**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?** Don't know

**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:** 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 cannot comment this as it is not clear to me what you mean by either of these initiatives.

**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**

**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?** . Word of mouth

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