

## 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?	No
Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?	Other option (please specify)

The rate rise proposed is excessive and the projects proposed to numerous. A rise of 8 to 10 % should be adequate and trim the number of projects.

**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?**

As ratepayers we have already spent \$60 million on developing plans. Many of the plans proposed seem little more than window dressing, with little chance of a productive outcome.

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

Water and Land	Yes
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Yes

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

<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Water and Land</li> <li>. Biodiversity and Biosecurity</li> <li>. Climate Change and Community Resilience</li> <li>. Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</li> <li>. Regional and Strategic Leadership</li> </ul>
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**Water and Land portfolio comments:**

This has already been covered in previous Ecan initiatives or is the work already done and money spent just wasted.

**Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:**

Biosecurity is a priority.  
Some wetland restoration.

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

Yes flooding whether by Sea or River should be prevented where economically possible.

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

I would point out that as a rural rate payer we get very little support from rural transport whilst urban rate payers are well served. So why not target these rates to the communities that have the benefit of using them.

**Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:**

Ecan is taking on projects which should be the responsibility of other departments.

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

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

As rural ratepayers we seem to shoulder a higher portion of the rate to make them more affordable for urban ratepayers.

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

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

Affordability should be the watchword not pipedream.

**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 should fall on those who receive the most benefit ie Christchurch 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 money has to be paid eventually it is just delaying the inevitable.

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

**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** . On-demand public transport services  
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**

Costs for these projects should be targeted to the areas that receive them.

**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?** . Meeting, hui or event

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