

## 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 opportunities?** No

**What do you feel are the significant challenges and opportunities we face?**

to keep the rates charge as is as no one has more money to put into them

**Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?** Option 2: statutory work and prior commitments

**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?**

Only meet statutory requirements as other areas to be consulted with the relative councils and people. The Government should also be working with your council and all other councils and organisations for climate change and community resilience, biodiversity and biosecurity, air quality, transport and urban development as every community in NZ should have the same guidelines and work cohesively with each other to the benefit of all New Zealanders. Your council is doubling up on charges the public are

already being taxed for and you are failing to meet the requirements of the people eg transport misses our needs, and you don't offer consultation on your decisions and even then fail to listen to us. We fund you and you are not doing the right thing by us.

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

<b>Water and Land</b>	Yes
<b>Biodiversity and Biosecurity</b>	No
<b>Climate Change and Community Resilience</b>	No
<b>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</b>	Unsure
<b>Regional and Strategic Leadership</b>	Unsure

**Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on):**

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

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

We are on a static income and the old very true saying is, "Cut your coat according to your cloth." We have all been hit with increased costs in transport costs, rent, food, medical and rates should be kept as is as we already are doing without in some areas to meet these increased costs. It is also becoming increasingly difficult to help others more unfortunate than ourselves thus putting more pressure on the health system and social welfare etc.

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

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

Yes, If you had to treat your council income as your own household income then you would be more prudent and innovative in your planning and involve the people more. Why not ask school children, businesses including their staff, other groups such and senior citizens thru the social welfare, etc for help and ideas

**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?**

There is no reason for an increase to the uniform general charges at this stage. Your council needs to work smarter.

**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?**

Don't burden us with more charges as it will effect our quality of life, effect our health and shorten our productive lives. Any more borrowing is not required if the council applies sound and proven practices. If you can't then you must have the wrong people in the jobs or with the wrong qualifications.

**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?**

Do not increase the fees and charges beyond what is currently charged. Once again listen to the people as to what is needed and what they can afford instead of saying is it only \$1-24 (I think I saw online) per week. This means that over a year 2 visits to a Dr can't take place and we suffer more. At this stage no increase should be on the table till the Covid 19 is under control both NZ and Worldwide.

**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** . On-demand public transport services  
Other initiative/s (please specify)

**Other initiative/s (please specify) Christchurch**

Why not redraw the public transport system by firstly asking everyone to enter a paper/online response as to when and where they would use the system. I was never asked even after the earthquakes how I used the buses and in fact I could walk to work in less time than it took me to take newly required two buses instead of one. The weather, timing, lack of bus shelters in hot and cold weather, shifting of routes extended my trip. I found I could for the price of one day's bus fare take my car, it reduce the travel time to an eighth of the bus travel and it covered the cost of a weeks parking fee. No question really of what was the best and most economic choice.

**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?**

Please listen to the people.

**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?** . Postcard

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