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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? Don't know

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?

Remove the proposal to levy mooring owners with costs associated with abandoned boats, salvage or removal of wrecks.

ECAN now has a register of mooring owners. ECAN now receives an annual licence fee from mooring owners and requires moorings to be inspected annually at owners cost. In short, with regulations and mooring standards in place, it is now less likely that boats will be lost from moorings.

The harbourmaster should know the identity of the boats using moorings. It should not be difficult for ECAN to trace the owners of abandoned boats. Likewise boats that are wrecked should be salvaged by the owner or their insurers.

It should not be for mooring owners to shoulder the burden of these costs.

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

Water and Land	Unsure
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Unsure
Climate Change and Community Resilience	Unsure
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	Unsure
Regional and Strategic Leadership	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?

ECAN should take a lesson in household economics and cut the coat according to the cloth available. It seems that the Council approach is to decide what they would like to do and then say how much do we need to increase rates to pay for our plans. Households and businesses say what is our income/revenue and what can we afford.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Its time the virtue signalling and grandiose plans stopped and the Council joined the real world of living within ones means. I suggest a rates freeze for 3-years whilst Councillors and bureaucrats work out how to do this.

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 is a tool to be used with caution. Many businesses borrow but debt has to be serviced and debt has to be repaid. Whilst interest rates are currently at record lows the likelihood is that interest rates will rise.

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?

The proposed fees to be levied on Mooring owners are wrong. The costs associated with abandonment of vessels and salvaging of wrecks should be for the owners of the vessel.

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

Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality

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?

Rates are a very unsatisfactory way of raising revenue as they are based upon property values that may have no relationship with the income of a ratepayer or their ability to pay. Annual rates increases in excess of inflation and compounding are simply unsustainable. The Council should seek to manage Rate Rises that are in line with the CPI and then find other ways to fund investment beyond what is fundable from ratepayer resources. Learn to work like a business.

Do you wish to speak to your submission?

Yes

We may use your phone number to contact you to arrange attendance at a hearing. This information will be kept private.

Phone number

Would you like to be kept up-to-date with the outcome of this consultation?

Yes

How did you find out about giving feedback? . Other (please specify)

Your information is held and administered by Environment Canterbury in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and Environment Canterbury's Privacy Policy.

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

Tell us which information you do not want disclosed: Contact address & phone No