

## 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?** No

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

In the LTP priorities should be for land and water resource management, biosecurity, biodiversity protection.  
we have already spent 60m on subregional plans on new plans why would we spend more to conform to EFW.

**Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?** Other option (please specify)

Rate rise should be limited to less than 10 %. The programmes should be reduced to have a more responsible budget and focus on core activities.

**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?**

ratepayers have already spent 60m developing plans. Expenditure items such as leading community resilience, enviro schools, climate change resilience are not core activities so should be dropped.

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

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

**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
- . Climate Change and Community Resilience
- . Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
- . Regional and Strategic Leadership

**Water and Land portfolio comments:**

waste of time and money redoing plans , Ecan will lose support of the rural community which they mostly have at the moment

**Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:**

we support biodiversity and wetland restoration and at risk habitat protection but other parts ,long term costs of maintaining planting projects and protecting against exotic weeds not thought through .

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

support the leading of flood and river resilience but would anything come of talks on community and climate change resilience.

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

I understand that urban transport is targeted funded by those that use it , but as a rural ratepayer who has no access to it i object to being made to contribute.  
The basis of your urban development and public transport policy is to reduce emissions but that is not happening

**Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:**

a lot of money is proposed to be spent on youth engagement and enviro schools are not core responsibilities of Ecan and should be the responsibility of MoE

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

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

the increase in rates might be affordable for urban ours rate rise is likely to be somewhere around 5k/yr but rural have the added costs of compliance and investing in management practices foe all the new rules as well.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

we need to see an affordable budget that reflects financial responsibility

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?

support the UAGC that should be a uniform \$100/household would better reflect the benefits of Ecan's programmes

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?

if the rate rise is unaffordable to the ratepayers do a better budget , that's how rural businesses work

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?

these changes will cost rural rate payers more, we support in principle but not if they bring excessive rate rises, these changes cost farmers and businesses twice

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 . 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**

at least this MAR project will have positive outcomes

**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?**

I think this whole process is rushed and urban people don't understand the implications of a lot of these changes and are misinformed by biased lobbyists

**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
- . Meeting, hui or event

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

No