

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?	25-39 years old
Which suburb or area do you live in?	
Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?	Yes
Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?	Other option (please specify)

I see more value in Option 1 than Option 2. However, I personally believe we need even further acceleration of action to compensate for the scale of human-induced environmental degradation and disturbance which we face. My personal view is I would happily provide further funding towards this in the interest of restoring our whenua

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?

I would love to see a move towards the eventually "re-gifting" of flood plain land back into connection with our braided awa. Our east coast braided rivers are of international ecological significance and have been intensively modified in many areas.

I'm skeptical of coastal hazard and flood protection works where they halt the natural geomorphological changes that are already underway. The detail of how each specific project ties in with naturally dynamic processes should not contribute further to modifying ecosystems.

I would love to see more direct plans to restore the full extent of pre-European freshwater biodiversity (e.g. reducing the ability of our native fish and invertebrate species to thrive without competing for food resources or predation). The disconnect between promoting game fisheries (and exploitation of whitebait) and seeking to restore the health of our waterways is always striking.

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

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

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? Option 1 is affordable

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

Both increases are only marginal.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

On the subject of paying rates in general, I believe it would make the "burden" of paying household rates less onerous if options to pay in more frequent installments than quarterly were available. E.g. monthly, fortnightly, weekly etc. For people living paycheck to paycheck the pressure to budget the amounts required for each installment is challenging.

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? No

Any further comments on the use of borrowing for operating expenditure?

The scale of environmental degradation which we are now obligated to undo as a society is high, and I'm in favour of owning these costs up front to accelerate action.

Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy? Yes

Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?

Perhaps I've missed it but there doesn't seem to be any mention of changes to consents granted for resources that are used for commercial gain. Aquifer abstraction for water bottling comes to mind which has been a major source of contention for some years. Seems like a missed opportunity to take a stand and at least acknowledge the public's concerns, if not propose alternative funding mechanisms. That said, I'm very aware of the fact that water abstraction for water bottling is generally much less environmentally damaging than equivalent use for agriculture....so I'm not ideologically opposed to these types of consents.

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
- . Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality
- . Other initiative/s (please specify)

Other initiative/s (please specify) Christchurch

Investing in stormwater treatment initiatives at a scale that is proportional enough to actually achieve environmental quality outcomes. Efforts to provide stormwater treatment are often localised and of minimal effectiveness to actually make a significant enough difference. New developments have targets to meet, but there are almost no incentives to an existing homeowner to improve the effect the negative impact they have on their surrounding watercourses. For years it feels like minimal advertising and awareness are the only steps that have been taken that are relevant to the average homeowner. Perhaps incentivising higher levels of stormwater treatment provision at new sites than what current constraints require (i.e. via rates rebates). Retrofitting existing properties to achieve reduced levels of environmental harm via stormwater is expensive which will almost always result in the beneficial options never being selected.

I'm very aware of the volume of rubbish which ends up in the Otakaro River, and fly-tipped in our braided rivers. I would love to see localised diversion of this rubbish from our watercourses by changing the way we procure and specify stormwater infrastructure. Living in Burwood I regularly spend time on the Otakaro River, and last year we drifted past a pied shag (Karuhihi) in the water that had slowly starved to death from getting trapped in a plastic milk bottle lid ring. We can do better!!!

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?

- . Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- . Environment Canterbury website
- . Postcard

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