

Comments

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Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation? No, I'm submitting as an individual

Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities? No

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

the biodiversity and climate change crises. A significant challenge faced by ecan is a very emotional rural community that is frightened of the future and angry at "urban" people, who they see as "other". Ecan councillors will need to use every skill they have to be able to lead this group into the changes that they must make.

Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with? Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives

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'm worried by ecan's track record of non-enforcement, and willingness to spend money on complex nature re-creation ahead of protection. I'm not alone in seeing glossy photos and happy stories as a waste of money and resources.

So I'd like to see more enforcement

I'd like to see less planting and worrying about people being able to take their boat to a lake.

I'd like to see more protection of nature - just to allow nature to be nature, on its own, doing its thing.

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

Water and Land	No
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	No
Climate Change and Community Resilience	No
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	No
Regional and Strategic Leadership	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

Water and Land portfolio comments:

I dislike the whole idea of the mayoral forum, I am depressed by irrigation schemes, I'd like to see urban centres pay for decent infrastructure and have submitted on that with the CCC. Continual growth is not achievable and a booming economy is not going to deliver clean water or allow native species to live unhindered.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

Spending too much on planting narrow strips of trees by a stream somewhere so some kids can get their photo taken with a spade. The city council has undertaken huge amounts of planting around the city and they are inundated by weeds, with bare patches of soil attracting more weeds. The initial preparation is not monitored. The result is a wasteful failure (NZTA's plantings on motorways are similar). ECan should look carefully at this model, which is on a smaller scale than ECan wishes to undertake, and review whether creating nature is the way to go or whether protecting existing nature (and enforcing that protection) would be a more efficient and cost-effective path.

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

I would like to see "and biodiversity crisis" attached to the words "climate change", as they are interrelated

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household? Option 1 is affordable

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

It's affordable but I want to see a reduction in bus livery spend, increase in protection of existing natural spaces and income from enforcement.

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

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 . Other initiative/s (please specify)

Other initiative/s (please specify) Christchurch

On-demand public transport sounds expensive; absolutely against aquifer recharge

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

How did you find out about giving feedback?

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

Tell us which information you do not want disclosed: email address