

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

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?

Feel like government and Ecan is making changes to rapidly without proper consultation with the wider community, which will cost major financial difficulties to our communities!

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

Facing a 25% rate rise is ridiculous to any business. 5 to 10% rate rise would be more affordable looking forward. Projects should be prioritised to meet financial constraints.

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 feel that \$60m of ratepayers money from previous years has been wasted on plans that would still be fit for purpose in our community today and should be recognised by ecan and government. Rate payers do not have bottomless pockets and some projects need to be dropped to fit a more realistic budget.

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

Water and Land	Yes
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Yes
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
- . Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development

Water and Land portfolio comments:

As a Rural ratepayer, I am becoming increasingly frustrated that Ecan is willing to fall over and not commit to existing plans that have been heavily invested and developed in previously years!

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

I'm concerned that the cost of maintaining the biodiversity projects long term has not been fully looked into as costs protecting these projects is significant! Eg weeds, pest control etc

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

As a rural ratepayer I object to having to contribute so much towards urban public transport as we have no access to it and don't use it.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

Seems as rural ratepayers are being targeted to meet the burden of rate rises as our rates are likely to increase by \$4000 compared to urban and feel like we are paying 3 times over with on farm investment and environment plans.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Seems like Ecan thinks ratepayers have a endless supply of money and has a responsibility to the ratepayer to prepare a responsible budget!

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?

Think the people of Christchurch are getting off lightly with rate rises and should contribute more as many projects seem to benefit the people in that community.

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?

Rate increases should be affordable. Borrowing always costs more. You always have to pay sooner or later!

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?

If you are going to charge excessive rates to a rural ratepayer then I say no as I know that it will cost rural people more if not twice the cost!

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

I believe the MAR projects will benefit the related communities and should be continued. Seems money well spent compared to other Ecan projects that are on their radar!

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?

- . Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- . Environment Canterbury website
- . Word of mouth
- . Newspaper

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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: Name and contact details.