

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 No opportunities?

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

The value of our product has been lowered by 30%. How are we as farmers able to sustain these out of control rises in rates?

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

We should be keeping costs within the budget. Not out of control 25% rate rises. It is ridiculous that you are putting the huge increase upon the farmers. Easy to put rates on farmers when they are only 14% of the population. Why do the urban dwellers only get hit with a 3% rate rise? The farmers are the only ones earning money for this country currently and you wish to impose another huge tax on us

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?

How do country people benefit from parks and recreation and youth activities when Christchurch our nearest city is 130 kilometers away.

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

Water and Land No

Biodiversity and Biosecurity Yes

Climate Change and Community Resilience No

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Yes

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

Water and Land portfolio comments:

The proposals that the Environment Canterbury put forward have to be practable and workable. Cost of compliance on farming is horrific. Being audited by all the different companies and compliance structures. (Farming environmental plan audit, sustainable wines New Zealand, Alliance, Silver Fern farms and AFFCO just to name a few is outrageous. One governing body to audit once every 2 years should be enough.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household?

Neither option is affordable

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

How would you like to suffer a 25% increase just because you worked for the government??

Do you support the changes we're proposing to No how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges?

Would you support the use of borrowing for No operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates?

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

Spending \$65 million on the LTP and not even finishing hearing submissions then binning it and starting again with a \$25 million price tag is irresponsible governance

Do you support the rationale and proposed No changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy?

Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below:

Hurunui 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

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?

Word of mouth Newspaper

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