

## Comments

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**Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?** Yes, I'm submitting on behalf of an organisation

**Which organisation are you submitting on behalf of?** OraTaiao: NZ Climate and Health Council

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

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

While the draft long-term plan highlights the relevant areas of concern that fall within ECAN's remit, there is no suggestion within the document of the urgency needed to address developing emergencies, particularly climate change and transport. Within public transport for example, the (laudable) goals of fleet decarbonisation and punctuality/timetable dependency are not enough to encourage mode-shift, and consideration should be given to targets regarding timetable frequency (e.g. buses every 10 minutes during weekdays AND Weekends on key routes).

With respect to climate change, the stated aims are reasonable but again much too slow. A climate action plan should be completed at the latest by the end of 2022, this in keeping with the the timetable for the adoption of the initial climate change budgets from central government advised by the Climate Change Commission by late 2021. Urgently developing this plan, in cooperation with central government and City Councils, will allow the other stated aim of public education regarding adaptation to be much more effective. Indeed a public education campaign WITHOUT having a climate action plan finalised is unlikely to be of any huge benefit.

We strongly support the plan to assist "low-income households with expiring burners to transition to cleaner forms of home heating" and would suggest a clearly defined number of household be identified as a target to have transition annually. Home burners are the one of greatest contributor to air pollution

in Canterbury and NZ, and recent studies have suggested that we have underestimated the burden of death and ill-health from air pollution.

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

Option 1, strengthened with clearer goals identified in the areas of public transport and climate change response

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

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

**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?** Neither option is affordable

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

Please note- submission on behalf of OraTaiao- affordability will vary from household to household. We decline to take a position on this as a group. However, affordability should be dictated by the lowest socio-economic groups and the burden of any increased rates that they will bear needs to be borne in mind at all times

**Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community?** Don't know

**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?** Don't know

**Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy?** Don't know

**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**

Urgent prioritisation of climate change as the most fundamental challenge facing Canterbury in the short- and long-term future. An incorporation of the health and equity benefits of well-designed climate action and mitigation to be central to any response, and a clear and well-communicated integration of ECAN policy with that of other local and central government

**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?** . Environment Canterbury website

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