

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? 65+ 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? Option 2: statutory work and prior commitments

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?

Very difficult to discern precisely what you actually have plans to do in practice. So much verbosity and aspirational claptrap. What are we to believe given your track record! Make sure you do the work you are mandated to do, Sort out public transport by providing services that are convenient to use. Clearly at least one board member does not understand why the current system is not used.

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

Water and Land	Yes
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Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Yes
Climate Change and Community Resilience	Unsure
Regional and Strategic Leadership	Unsure

Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Water and Land . Climate Change and Community Resilience . Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development . Regional and Strategic Leadership
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Water and Land portfolio comments:

It should be high priority to action providing safe drinking water and healthy waterways. Long term effects need to be recognised and mitigated rather than wait until there is a real problem Water belongs to the people of New Zealand and should not be given away to private enterprise.

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

Can't combat the effects of climate change from global actions. We can make an effort but I believe Kiwi ingenuity and science will mitigate our very minor contribution. The real issue for us is rubbish. Too much rubbish is ruining the environment and destroying oceans. (see Attenborough's programme: "Humans"). Surely we can deal with our own rubbish problem as the Scandinavians do in a safe and sustainable way.

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

Regarding public transport our air quality would be considerably reduced with more efficient buses. OK we have electric buses but do we need a fleet of large electric buses? Cr Hands clearly doesn't grasp the issue of lack of patronage. The current bus system is simply not convenient (with exceptions like going into the CBD). Big buses, 1 passenger on so many. My experience with ECAN is that there is a lack of lateral thinking outside the box. Look at where the roads are congested such as the N-S corridor Idris/Straven/Clarence Rds. Look into (at least in the near future) of a mixed fleet with more small hybrid buses (<https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/some-cities-hybrid-buses-path-zero-emissions-for-others-maintenance-hassle>) running more frequent services with more stops. For example residents have said that the lack of bus stops from the hospital to the depot means a long walk to central city workplaces - poor planning in clogging Tuam St with an unused cycleway has lead to this. An engineering friend who is a world expert on railways says to make a system work it has to be convenient to the clients. Despite the Key Activity Centre theories promoting walking, cycling and public transport planners seem intent on making it more and more difficult to get to facilities unless a car is used. Let's leave it that.

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

Aspirational verbage.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household? Option 2 is affordable

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

No wonder the rates need increasing with the cost of running ECAN - 44 meetings per year!

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

If I could see through the bureaucracy to real progress I would be far more amenable to payable extra.

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

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

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

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

Other initiative/s (please specify) Christchurch

I would like to see the development of a comprehensive, effective mixed rail/road service.

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

Any further comments?

I, like others, am concerned at the layers of governance and the cost involved. I support the Government's intention to take control of water. I also support a super (Auckland style) super city for greater Christchurch - as you state 82% of Canterbury's population live in the Greater Christchurch region which to me suggests a super city especially when so many work/attend functions in Christchurch itself leading to the use of facilities and transport issues.

Clearly a lot of effort has gone into producing the documentation which I appreciate. However the populace is being bombarded with requests for feedback (in order to tick the consultation box !) and I am sure the document could have been far more succinct and far less verbose which would perhaps lead to a higher level of response. For example 3000 responses to the Greater Christchurch Consultation is hardly an endorsement of policies.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond. I belong to a large residents' association and we encourage members to engage in feedback.

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? . Email

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

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