

## 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

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

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

I don't think the council can differentiate between must do and "nice to do" work streams that can be postponed .

**Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?** Option 2: statutory work and prior commitments

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

<b>Water and Land</b>	Yes
<b>Biodiversity and Biosecurity</b>	Yes
<b>Climate Change and Community Resilience</b>	Yes
<b>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</b>	Yes

**Regional and Strategic Leadership** Yes

**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:**

I can't see where you are adding any value to what is already being done by the rural sector. You can't force long term change with bureaucracy, sure you have some government policy you have to implement but how about helping the rural sector when they are willing to show leadership towards change, instead we get a wall of bureaucracy that has a can't do attitude

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

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

No business can sustain a cost increase of this magnitude without cutting corners in other areas. I think this is a clearers example of a organisation with NO business acumen at all, nice to do just has to be cut from the budget

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

**Any further comments on affordability for the community?**

These sort of increases, especially once you have taken into account the compounding effects on the rate demand, will see all voluntary spending on the exact problems you are trying to solve CUT. ECan doesn't need more \$\$ in income it needs to become practical by being more streamlined and pragmatic with an attitude. it's willingness to solve problems rather than the slow / expensive / stonewalling and frustrating processes that the current committee faces.

**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?**

You have chosen the very lowest percentage in your allowable range which seems so unfair and inequitable. What you are trying to achieve should be spread across the whole of the rating base, so I can see no reason to use the upper limit of 30% spread of the UAGC

**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?**

Cut spending in non priority areas or areas that can be differed for a year or two

**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?**

I see chargeable hourly rates from \$100 odd to nearly \$400. Absolute nonsense for a cost recovery roll, I can only assume you are a bunch of FAT CAT's that are totally disconnected from the real world off supporting rate payers through a process

**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** . Other initiative/s (please specify)

**Other initiative/s (please specify) Hurunui**

Catchment groups have a historically good track record, how about bringing them back- local people deployed for local good

**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**

**Any further comments?**

Very poor communication on where and when public meetings were going to be held on this issue, can only assume you are trying to hid from tis outrages increase in rates.

**Do you wish to speak to your submission?** Yes

**How did you find out about giving feedback?** . Word of mouth

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