

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?

ecan you must work within the means of your budget, not just increase rates to cover costs and constantly be changing rules you need to tell the government that if they would like to impose new rules that they must pay for their implementation and provide the how it will work for ecan. Go back to the original purpose of ecan which was bio sercruity, bio diversity, flood control, land and water resource management

Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?

Other option (please specify)

crazy that you think you can impose a 25% increase in rates to cover your wishlists and waste the work you have already invested in (ie the plans you have invested \$60m into that you are going to scrap). or worst still to propose to borrow money to cover the budget shortfall, you need to focus on

you core business and reduce or eliminate the nice to haves, otherwise you will be impacted on the viability of a wide range of businesses that cannot withstand 25% increases in rates

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?

Prioritise core business - flood protections, bio security, bio diversity, land and water resource management

show faith in the work you have done recently on your district plan and let these new rules have time to work.

remove - leading community resilience, enviro schools, youth engagement, climate change resilience, all the things which are talk fests to be honest with no tangible outcomes, and areas that are not what ecan was set up for.

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
	.	Climate Change and Community Resilience
	.	Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
	.	Regional and Strategic Leadership

Water and Land portfolio comments:

the ink isn't even dry on PC2 and you want to remove it, without having given it time to work, as a farmer we are not able to maintain a business let alone plan to invest in our business with constant rule changes, farmers have shown that they are proactive in making changes when they are involved at the moment we were all involved in the conversation now we are in the do nothing as the rules are constantly changing. You must look further back to see how farming has got to where it is, we were encouraged to clear land, swamps, water ways to clear areas to make more productive land, and this is what was done, we were encouraged to intensify land, then it has been within the last 10 years that the direction has been changed and you need to credit farmers with what they have done, proactively to protect the land and environment all without all these rules and consents

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

the burden you are proposing on keeping braided rivers clear on weed and pests is huge. concentrate on meaningful outcomes, think of the bigger picture the removal of non native trees just because they aren't natives is expensive and short sighted, willow trees create habitats just as well as other trees and to remove them with nothing else established is wrong - ie at lake clearwater area, proposed on the kakahu river where the willow trees are habitat for the endangered bat.

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

these are not areas that ecan should be involved in, not a core area for ecan

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

air quality - measuring and improving is an ecan responsibility.
transport that is not ecan - district council should be responsible for this
urban development - ecan involved in environmental impacts of any development and providing rules around this

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

money being proposed to be spend is not ecan responsibility, ministry of education should be paying for in school education, I think you could look hard at this area of your budget and save significant amounts.
also financing runanga so they can advise on EFW is not a ratepayers responsibility

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

it will cost us and additional \$4,000 a year for our farm, plus the added compliance costs that you are going to impose on us, money that would be better spent on improving our land which in turn will improve the overall environment, instead we are paying you more to make more rules, for a consultant to make money to complete the compliance because we want to outside making a difference in the world, all leaving less money for us to be able to make changes

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

you have not taken into consideration the current economic environment and the uncertainty that exists, everyone in the real world are trying to work out how to reduce costs and live within our means, but it seems in you world there is no consideration of this at all as you will just increase your income by charging higher rates. I wonder the impact that your new rule changes are going to have on the viability of farming and in turn the fact that the value of our land will go down which as you know is how you base your rates on, so by increasing the rules and rates now you will actually end up with less rates in the long term, your business is unsustainable

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?

I believe urban people should be paying more, they are the ones calling for these environmental changes, so let them pay more for cleaning up their backyards so to speak. where does there run off go on a wet day, tyre rubber, detergent from cleaning their car, the backyard chickens depositing phosphorous in high deposits, the non decomposing dog poo they constantly bag.
UAGC needs to be attached to the properties that receive the benefit, you will not be monitoring my domestic air quality, so should not contribute to that

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?

you do not borrow for operational expenditure in any business, you need to work within the income you have, and that does not mean increasing rates to cover the shortfall that means decreasing your spending to fit within your budget

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?

farmers are paying significantly more than others

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

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? No

Any further comments on Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge? No

this has only been an issue when you decided to remove boarder dyke irrigation as it was inefficient, now the downlands are dryer than they used to be, is this the natural level or is this a perceived issue as it is different to what we remember, it was then decided to shut down stock water races again having an impact on the environment and ecosystem that had grown accustomed to these. no consistence in rules

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?

be economically responsible and trim your budget to fit, stick to the basic core function of what ecan is meant to be

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
- . Meeting, hui or event

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