

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? No

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

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

Lack of common sense

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?

You have missed the chance to use the exhaustively-produced Canterbury Water Plan, based on local knowledge and good science, instead ignoring it and requiring many millions MORE than has already been spent on the subject, to reinvent a poorer version of the wheel.

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

Water and Land No

Biodiversity and Biosecurity No

Climate Change and Community Resilience Yes

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):

- . Water and Land
- . Biodiversity and Biosecurity
- . Climate Change and Community Resilience
- . Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development

Water and Land portfolio comments:

Stick with the Canterbury Water Plan please. Why spend more money when it would do the job properly for our region.

As long as synthetic carpets and synthetic clothing and textiles are polluting our air, land and water it seems the easy options of attacking primary producers (low voter numbers) is very unreasonable.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

Biosecurity is so important to the whole country: farmers, horticulturalists, home gardeners, tourism. Wittering on about biodiversity when we have active government encouragement to plant great expanses of single-variety exotic forests makes anything in the plan seem a joke at ratepayers' expense.

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

No mention of over-population causing climate change through too much human consumption and waste creation.

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

Lockdown showed the great improvements in the environment in just a few weeks with no traffic. But efficient public transport requires big population bases.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

Just because something is affordable does not mean the money should be spent on a new water plan when the Canterbury Land and Water plan is ready and waiting. Public servants find it easy to plan to spend money that they themselves will not have to come up with, rather dictate that others will pay. Spending top dollar is not necessarily an indication of good stewardship.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Canterbury has been hit hard by MBovis, ongoing challenges delivering the current harvest of meat and crops to markets for good prices. Dairy prices are good at the moment but if China decides to get grumpy, or stop stockpiling, that won't last. It's poor economics to push everyone to the limit. Not everyone is on a cruisy guaranteed government salary.

Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges? Don't know

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

Borrowing can give a false sense of well-being. The only advantage is that interest rates are presumably low at the moment.

Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy? Yes

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? Yes

Any further comments on Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge? Yes

The Hinds aquifer project is very successful and gives measurable data on which to make decisions.

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? No

How did you find out about giving feedback? . Newspaper

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