

## 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? No

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

Need to challenge the Govt to accept the work already done on Freshwater(Te Mana o te Wai) and the very considerable financial & time investments that have been made to complete our Farm Environmental Plan. These plans reflect the goals of the Govt's Essential Freshwater Package & that they mean ongoing improvements

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

As explained above-No 9

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>	Unsure
<b>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</b>	Unsure
<b>Regional and Strategic Leadership</b>	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
- . Regional and Strategic Leadership

**Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:**

Biosecurity always needs to be a priority.  
Biodiversity restoration/preservation needs realistic goals. Is it beneficial?

**Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:**

To increase community resilience -Water storage need to be thought of. With water flowing out to sea in floods. This water needs to be harnessed for irrigation, Increased water flows in our braided rivers.

Also careful consideration to building of homes on elite soils in Canterbury. when they will be needed for Food production.

**Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:**

ECan is showing poor leadership by not lobbying Govt to accept Farm Environmental Plans which have been put in place at a cost of \$60million. These already demonstrate the objectives of the Govt 's Freshwater package.

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

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

We need close scrutiny-both for the amounts spent or proposed to be spent.  
-How the spend aligns with the Goals, and evaluation of these goals v's outcomes.  
-This is required for all expenditure.  
There needs to be realistic view of the benefits to the whole catchments. With close supervision of "Nice To Have's"

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

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

There seems to be an unfair burden being placed on larger value landholders who contribute through increased user pays for (Farm Environmental Plans, Monitoring & data collection) when the benefits of these activities ( improvements) will be experienced by all of the general population.

**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?**

as above-No 21

**Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates?** Don't know

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

Borrowing can enable major projects to be enacted but they must have substantial benefits for a majority of ratepayers. But planned & scrutinized realistically with oversight of cost v's benefits & with realistic timeframes.

**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?**

Rate increases are becoming frightening and very hard to bear. We are a family business who are trying to do the right thing.  
Some recognition of the time & effort and financial investment would be good. All this on top of trying to actually farm sustainably.

**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**

Science seems to support the MAR project & be very positive in meeting it's goals over the last 3years. This type of scheme has been very positive overseas (USA) & needs to be further supported & explored here inNZ.As benefits will effect all ratepayers in this area they should contribute.

**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**

**if you would like to give feedback via video, add a link to a downloadable YouTube clip or Dropbox file below** Internet so poor here not likely to happen!!

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

*We may use your phone number to contact you to arrange attendance at a hearing. This information will be kept private.*

**Phone number**

**Would you like to be kept up-to-date with the outcome of this consultation?** No

**How did you find out about giving feedback?**  
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Environment Canterbury website  
Newspaper

*Your information is held and administered by Environment Canterbury in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and Environment Canterbury's Privacy Policy.*

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

**Tell us which information you do not want disclosed:** identification/phone number