

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? Yes

Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with? Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives

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?

The MAR (Managed Aquifer Recharge) project is a band-aid solution that requires taking good clean water from a river somewhere else to clean up heavily polluted ground water, while doing nothing to reduce pollution that is being added. A better long term solution is to more quickly reduce polluting and leave the remaining freshwater systems alone to recover.

How we monitor sites for pollutant discharge, reducing dairy herds, and enforcement of environmental regulations and water takes all need to be greatly improved. Restoration of our depleted, degraded and encroached-upon braided rivers is fundamental to restoring health to these rare ecosystems, including our aquifers and our arable soils.

Farmers need support to transition away from harmful practises, in particular intensive dairying. This support seems to be covered in Land and Water Stewardship but is only 1% of the budget - less than half a million - this is not enough.

To truly protect our fresh drinking water, we need to reduce dairy herd sizes yesterday.

Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on):

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household? Option 1 is affordable

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community? Yes

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

It's generally less than \$2/week for low-level properties, so this is affordable if people think about the way they pay their rates. In smaller increments, rather than waiting for large quarterly bills for example.

Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates? Yes

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 On-demand public transport services

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 have faith in this Council, now is the time to act boldly in the interests of our future.

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? . Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)

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There is personal information/contact details in my submission I do not want disclosed: No