

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?	Yes
Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?	Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives
Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:	
Water and Land	Yes
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Yes
Climate Change and Community Resilience	Yes
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	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 am very concerned about the issue of nitrates in water. I would like nitrate polluters to pay heavily to address these issues, and I would like permissible nitrate levels reduced to Danish study amounts of 0.87 mg/l, and Ecan to take much stronger steps in changing rules, lobbying central govt, and monitoring and enforcement.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

I welcome the climate education funding in option 1, and would like more climate education and for it to emphasise need for collective action and systemic change, rather than individual consumer changes. I believe that Te Tiriti compliant participatory and deliberative democracy on a local level will be crucial in our climate response, and that Ecan should be trialling these sorts of initiatives. I would like more funding to develop mass rapid transport. I support cheap or free public transport, and raising the age at which young people pay adult rates. I would like cycling and public transport to be prioritised more over car use.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

For most households this will cost less than 2 dollars per week.

Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges? Yes

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?

I would like this to be reduced to zero. I strongly support progressive ways of funding ECAN, charging the rich more and poor people less. (UAGC is a part of the rates that all households pay equally. By reducing this component of the rates to Zero, and relying on other rates components to fund Ecan, we make sure that the rich pay more, and poor people may even pay less rates than they do currently. This is just and sensible.)

Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy? No

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
. Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality

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

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

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