

## Comments

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<b>Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?</b>	No, I'm submitting as an individual
<b>Are you willing to tell us more about yourself?</b>	Yes
<b>Which age category are you in?</b>	65+ years old
<b>Which suburb or area do you live in?</b>	
<b>Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?</b>	Yes
<b>Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?</b>	Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives
<b>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?</b>	
<p>The key initiatives proposed in Option 1 all seem important. It is a bold and welcome programme, representing a huge step change in values and outlook which I think is in tune with growing community sentiment and expectations.</p>	
<b>Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:</b>	
<b>Water and Land</b>	Yes
<b>Biodiversity and Biosecurity</b>	Yes

<b>Climate Change and Community Resilience</b>	Yes
<b>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</b>	Yes
<b>Regional and Strategic Leadership</b>	Yes

<b>Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Water and Land</li> <li>. Biodiversity and Biosecurity</li> <li>. Climate Change and Community Resilience</li> <li>. Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</li> <li>. Regional and Strategic Leadership</li> </ul>
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#### **Water and Land portfolio comments:**

Fresh thinking, plans and regulatory framework for healthy waterways is vital, along with environmental monitoring, and zone committees, partnerships and community participation and activity

#### **Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:**

I am thrilled to see this whole proposal that includes braided river revival, wetlands, regionwide tree planting (Me uru Rākau), regional parks, and meeting biosecurity requirements including increased wallaby and wilding conifer control.

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

I strongly support each line item in this portfolio and am pleased to see Ecan's proposal to take a leadership role in our response to climate change, community resilience and flood and river resilience - as well as managing the coastal environment. Contaminated land, hazardous substances and waste is another pressing issue that needs action and funding.

#### **Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:**

Public transport is a hard portfolio to get right. I support Ecan's efforts to find the right formula for increased network coverage, a sustainable service, public acceptance and uptake in order to reduce carbon emissions, road congestion and expensive highway building and maintenance. Integrating urban land use and regional transport is also an important priority.

#### **Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:**

Good strategic planning, sound data to underpin decision making and foster an informed community, partnerships, community engagement, environmental education and work to identify new income sources all underpin the democratic process. I am encouraged by the diversity of collaborations entered into by Ecan - in particular the Tuia relationship with Ngai Tahu's Papatipu Rūnanga and the Youth Rōpū. It is also good to see local government collaboration through the Mayoral Forum and the Greater Christchurch Partnership.

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

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

I think it is an investment in the future. The rates will rise anyway under both Options 1 and 2 and there is not a huge difference between the two, but the difference in outcomes will be significant. I also notice that Option 1 attracts just under 2M more in Grants than Option 2. For so long we have ignored environmental degradation in Canterbury, and climate change is only adding to the need for urgent action. I am encouraged that we have this opportunity to take quite strong and meaningful action. I think we have to do this!

**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?**

I would like to think that there could be some relief for households where a rates rise could cause extreme hardship

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

**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?**

I think it would be desirable to avoid borrowing if at all possible, or to minimise it to as little as possible. If we can avoid borrowing and repayment costs the rates take in years 2-13 will go further and be able to achieve more.

**Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy?** Don't know

**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?**

Kia kaha, Ecan. This is a bold, innovative and timely proposal which gives hope for the 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?**

- . Environment Canterbury website
- . Newspaper
- . Email

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