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?	25-39 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?	Other option (please specify)

Option 1, but with bolder sanctions on heavy polluters.

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?

Your plan to follow Te mana o te wai is insufficient and seems to protect corporates from their responsibilities. Also, the actions you take as part of your consent processes seem to go directly against this value.

As part of water management, there's no commitment to review loopholes in the law that allow polluters to get away with it, and water bottling companies to exploit our precious resource.

Also missing is a clear direction around waste management, beyond adding to landfill. Completely new processes (some of them tried and tested overseas) need to be created and implemented, so that we transform our waste into something useful and stop contaminating land.

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:

The work to be done in this area is urgent and something that the vast majority of New Zealanders wants to see happen URGENTLY.

In regards to water specifically, Canterbury is on the brink of losing its water security and the collapse of several ecosystems if bold action is not taken swiftly and without mercy or servitude towards corporate interests.

Specifically, E-Can needs to stop approving consents for water bottling and needs to represent the interests of Cantabrians by lobbying for the closing of the legal loophole that currently allows water bottling plants to access our pristine water at alarming levels, for no gain (no dollar figure could ever justify these consents to be authorised and this practice needs to be banned completely).

Also, the consent process needs to change, so that ALL consents affecting water need to be transparent and require public notification. The recent consent by MHV water cooperative to irrigate 56,000 hectares of private farmland for the next 10 years and dump alarming levels of nitrates which are responsible for the calamitous state of our waterways (all of this without having to submit a contingency plan, should it fail to comply). My hope is that the right thing is done and the consent is denied. E-Can keeps violating the population's trust and the values it's designed to honour and defend in action, on behalf of the people of Christchurch.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

Obviously, most New Zealanders want bold action taken, using our tax and rates dollars. And the work proposed in option 1 is the bare minimum considering the challenges we face as a community.

Here's what's unacceptable: for our rates to be funding environmental harm perpetrated by large corporations and farming conglomerates. And for our rates to pick up the clean up bill while these organisations collect profit and call it economic growth and job creation.

The population of Christchurch want bold action to protect their interests. And this is not about division. It's about meaningful change, and that can't happen while we continue to give permission to conduct business as usual.

In your draft plan you talk about a balancing act of sorts, mentioning economic wellbeing as one of the things we seem to have to make environmental sacrifices over. This is the wrong place to think and act from.

This premise has been proven to be a dangerous misconstruction of what's available, possible and proven. And sustainable economies are demonstrated in scandinavian countries, the Netherlands and other communities around the world.

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

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? Yes

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?

Again, one revenue stream left out of the picture completely is the effective implementation of heavy penalties for environmental offences to any organisation breaching them.

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

- Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality
- Other initiative/s (please specify)

Other initiative/s (please specify) Christchurch

Targeted native tree planting to clean up the city's rivers.

Planting stretches of native bush inside subdvisions and other areas in the city's peripheries and hills.

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? 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? Yes

How did you find out about giving feedback? . Postcard

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