

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? No

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

Keeping control of bureaucracy and compliance spending (this is out of control and those in the agricultural sector have been unfairly targeted again). Understanding the contribution the agricultural sector has already put in place to improve the environmental impact of their businesses and the sky rocketing costs involved in meeting compliance regulations. Local government/Ecan need to be supporting rural communities. A significant amount of work has already been carried out by Ecan to meet the Land and Water Plan and it seems a waste of money to be duplicating work that has already been carried out by Ecan.

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

Status quo... working together as we have been for a while, rather than creating a bureaucratic monster.

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?

Understanding and supporting the good work the agricultural sector is already undertaking. We believe our environmental dollar would be better spent on farm not in a notoriously wasteful bureaucracy.

Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:

Water and Land	No
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	No
Climate Change and Community Resilience	No
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	Unsure
Regional and Strategic Leadership	No

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? Neither option is affordable

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

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 a farming sector we are continuously faced with horrific cost increases in all areas of our business, it's never ending! (Increases in wages, electricity, fuel and transport costs, contracting costs, the cost of keeping up with technological improvements, resource consent and compliance costs, along with increased working hours) - all of this, including your proposed rates increase, is disheartening and causes unnecessary raised stress levels. We love working on the land! We love what we do! We will continue to strive to run a successful, productive and environmentally sustainable business for our children and future generations.

Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates? No

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?

We will not accept any significant rates increase!

Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below: Timaru 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

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 . Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality

Should we continue investing in MyWay by Metro, Timaru's on-demand public transport service, after the trial period is completed? Yes

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? . Meeting, hui or event
 . Email

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