

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)

A lower rate rise in the first instance, we are looking at 24% plus rise. The rise needs to be staged over a longer period with 10% rate rises

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 plan does not include all feasible options, only two large rate rises, there needs to be more work done on how the outcomes can be achieved over a time period with 10% rate rises

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	Unsure

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

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

I feel there is too much money being proposed to be spent in this area. We as rate payers should not be responsible for the development and training that is a focus for central govt, therefore should be central govt funded

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household? Neither option is affordable

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

The rate rise for us, including MAR, is \$18,000 p.a. under option 1. We are a family farm on the coast with much dryland and gully area. This significant increase will be hard for our business to remain profitable

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?

Not sure about the load to other catchment areas, including urban.

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?

UAGC should be applied to the proposed projects that benefit 'people', pollution, water quality, leadership, climate change etc, these are issues that have been caused by society as a whole and the rural land owners should not bear the brunt of the costs

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?

Maybe money could be borrowed in the short term so smaller rate rises could be managed

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: Ashburton 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

The Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge is a pilot of environmental infrastructure to address water quality. To continue enhancing this infrastructure, the project would require ongoing targeted rates from the Ashburton district. Find out more [\[link\]](#). Do you want to see this project continue? Yes

Any further comments on Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge? Yes

Its a great project that could have major benefits for our area, and a learnings from it could see benefits for the whole Canterbury and NZ in time if it proves successful

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?

Please hear our submissions and dont punish the rural sector for what are generational and urban problems too. They cannot be fixed overnight but they can be fixed over time. We need investment from the WHOLE community because changes such as MAR will benefit the whole community.

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

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