

## 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?** Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives

**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?**

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- increase frequency drastically
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**Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:**

<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

**Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on):** . Climate Change and Community Resilience

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

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

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

We as a country have foregone our fair share of costs associated with climate change for years. We need to pay our way. But we need you to actually make progress.

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

**Any further comments on affordability for the community?**

People will moan about rates increases but the proportion is around \$2/household/week. Needs to be done.

**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?** No

**Any further comments on the use of borrowing for operating expenditure?**

I think you need to borrow but at a far greater rate than just the first rates year. Acceleration is needed across the board. At interest rates as they are, why wouldn't you accelerate??

**Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy?** Yes

**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**

**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