

## 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

**Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?** No

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

Making better use of our natural resources, climate change and how it is approached

**Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?** Option 2: statutory work and prior commitments

**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?**

Enviroment Canterbury 10 year L.T.P proposes a 24.5% rate increase, when their stated policy as it says is a limit on rate rises of no more than 5.3%!  
The proposed increase is discriminatory towards country areas  
Completely out of kilter for the rural land owners to pay many times more towards the U.A.G.C. than someone owning a house in Christchurch  
If the rate rise is to fund a new regional plan costing \$25 million, Why have Ecan binned the latest regional plan , costing the community \$60 million?  
Have they no confidence in their own plan?

And if Ecan had just spent \$60 million on a thorough process of developing a plan that they had total faith in, Why have they not defended that plan, instead of just binning it and accepting to start again? Overlaying a new plan will not speed any environmental improvement, What it will achieve is to replace some difficult, but achievable environmental targets with a set of new targets/policies that we have very little, if any chance of achieving

No business in the private sector can act with the fiscal irresponsibility we are seeing from Ecan. It is time for critique on what our rates money is being spent on and the competency of such spending With Ecans lack of responsibility in their spending I Ben Black find the proposed rate rises totally unacceptable

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

<b>Water and Land</b>	Unsure
<b>Biodiversity and Biosecurity</b>	Unsure
<b>Climate Change and Community Resilience</b>	Unsure
<b>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</b>	Unsure
<b>Regional and Strategic Leadership</b>	Unsure

**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

**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?** Don't know

**Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?**

Charge per urban house hold and reduce the rural proposed rates, totally unfair toward rural rate payers

**Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below:** Hurunui 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** . Other initiative/s (please specify)

**Other initiative/s (please specify) Hurunui**

Harnessing of high winter river flows into storage to better care for our community and Country

**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**

**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