

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

All of Option 1, but also much more to mitigate climate change. The climate emergency must be central to everything that ECan does, and it must be prepared to allocate significant funding to this.

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 points listed under "Our transformational opportunities" and "Our enduring priorities" (page 7) are great, but a couple of important points have been omitted:

(1) In the current climate emergency, change mitigation should be a major focus. However "Our transformational opportunities" has only "Lead climate change resilience", which is focussed on adaptation.

(2) Reducing poverty and inequality should be explicitly included in the enduring priorities. Preserving the environment must not be viewed as a trade-off between environment and the economy; a healthy thriving environment is vital for its own sake, for life, and for the economy.

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
	.	Climate Change and Community Resilience
	.	Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development

Water and Land portfolio comments:

There needs to be a major shift in land use away from animal farming (beef, sheep and dairy) towards producing food from plants. This is important to reduce climate emissions, and to reduce water pollution. When considering whether to grant consents, priority should be given to minimising the harmful and long-lasting effects of nitrates in drinking water.

Regeneration of native forests should be prioritised, because of its value as a carbon sink.

I don't support exporting of bottled water; this is not compatible with environmental sustainability.

Managed Aquifer Recharge should be discontinued; instead the need for it should be eliminated by replacing industrial dairy farming with sustainable land uses that produce plant-based food using regenerative agriculture.

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

Climate change mitigation should be a central consideration in every decision that ECan makes.

The Climate Change Action Plan needs to recognise the climate emergency we are in. It therefore should begin immediately, and receive much more funding. The funding for adaptation is about right, but much more funding is required for mitigation.

ECan should prioritise making its own operations carbon neutral as soon as possible: it should be mainly carbon neutral by 2025, and totally carbon neutral by 2030.

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

As a developed country with high per-capita emissions, we must respond to the climate emergency by making large reductions to our emissions, immediately. The climate emergency is such a serious and urgent matter that it should be a central to all decisions affecting transport and urban development. A major focus of transport policy should be facilitating a large reduction in private motor vehicle use. There are two ways of achieving this – numbered (1) and (2) below.

(1) Reduce the amount of travel while still enabling people to live fulfilling lives:

* There needs to be more local services to reduce the amount of travel necessary.

* Residential environments need to be pleasant places to walk in, so that people are incentivised to engage in more recreational activities in places that are easily accessible by active transport, rather than having to travel to them. Our cities should be such nice places to be in that people don't feel a need to drive into the country to get away from the city.

(2) Transition from private motor vehicles to low-emission or zero-emission options.

* Greatly increase the number of cycleways and walkways that are safe (separated from traffic by physical barriers), well-connected (so that people are not put off by having to make part of their journey

on busy roads), pleasant (away from busy roads, and with greenery visible), conducive to social cycling (so that people can ride two abreast and have a conversation), and well-signposted. There should also be safe places to leave bikes, with good locking systems for large numbers of cycles, and with anti-theft measures such as camera surveillance.

* Investigate light rail and implementing urgently if appropriate.

* Investigate having free, publicly funded, electric buses.

* Low-carbon transport needs to be rapidly expanded, whereas funding for roading should be principally for maintenance. Therefore, the bulk of transport funding should be for things other than roading.

ECan should work with councils to achieve the above goals.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

My household would gladly pay more rates to fund climate change mitigation.

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

Rates increases could be afforded if the burden of the increase were carried by wealthier households. A progressive rating system is more just, especially when it comes to funding climate mitigation and adaptation measures, as people on higher incomes tend to produce more emissions. Funding the objectives of Option 1 is important, and putting the burden of the increase on wealthier households will result in less hardship.

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 eliminated as part of achieving a more progressive rating system whereby a greater share of funding is provided by those who are better able to afford it.

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?

Borrowing to cover operating expenditure is unjust. Young people have already been burdened with the effects of climate change, expecting them to repay debt for current expenditure would compound this injustice.

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?

ECan should be prepared to forgo bus fares as a revenue source, so as to encourage busing and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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
. Other initiative/s (please specify)

Other initiative/s (please specify) Christchurch

More investment in safe, well-connected, well-signposted, cycleways. More investment in secure cycle parking to curb bike theft.

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?

. Word of mouth
. Meeting, hui or event

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