

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? No

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?

LONG TERN PLAN pg 4 "our economy"

Why is there no mention of how much Agriculture contributes to our regional gross domestic product in 2018. You only give 3 urban based examples. I'd have thought Agriculture would contribute quite a bit to our local Canterbury economy and would be an important part of our long term plan.

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

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	Unsure
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):

- . Water and Land
- . Biodiversity and Biosecurity

Water and Land portfolio comments:

"Collecting and managing good quality trusted data" When ECAN gets consultants to do work for them they need to employ consultants that are fair and honest in their reports and not just highlight what Ecan wants, The public aren't silly, they know when they are being misled or used and it just erodes away the trust between different groups. A lot of the public and rural landowners are already doing good environmental work on their own but there seems to be very little acknowledgment of this and the carbon credits these areas are helping with. The collecting of data for farm environment plans should be made as cheap as possible or even free and only done once unless something changes a lot on a farm or it is sold. It should not be used as a way of people making money for themselves at other peoples expense and hard work. Are urban properties and business going to have to fill out environment plans as well to prove they are not having a detrimental affect on the environment with their lifestyle in crowded congested city's. Transport emissions make up 40% of global warming. Good land is being turned into asphalt and houses and there are quite a few polluted rivers and streams in urban areas.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

The way ECAN goes about trying to find wetlands and other things of interest to them on private property by looking at aerial photographs can lead to a feeling of invasion of privacy by landowners. ECAN may find they get on better with landowners if they consult with them better. Some wet areas dry up in the middle of summer because of lack of rainfall not because of farming practices

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

The public cannot afford to keep paying more and more rates to an ever growing and increasing monopoly organization like ECAN. The infrastructure to run ECAN now is huge compared to what it use to be ie more buildings, more vehicles, more staff. It is starting to turn into an empire building process needing more and more money out of private enterprise and the general public to feed it's existence. ECAN needs to get back to it's core roles and is ideology of looking after the environment at minimal cost to the public and private enterprise with a common sense approach to problems. It is starting to turn into an unaffordably unfair process of charging people a lot of money to get a consent to do something and the public not having an option to go some where else to get a better deal, so they put the improvements they were going to make to their business or lifestyle or environment into the too hard basket and don't do anything. People are already paying substantial rates to the district or city councils already.

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

Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy? No

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

Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality

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? Newspaper

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