

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?	Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives
<p>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?</p> <p>The plan does not address a key issue of industrial dairy farming that has intensified in Canterbury over the last 20 years. There is no future in synthetic nitrogen fertilizer and palm oil imports. The damage has been done by years of farming ignorant of the environmental impacts. The word pollution is not used in the report to describe the rivers with extreme level of Nitrates.</p>	
<p>Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:</p>	
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
- ☐ Biodiversity and Biosecurity
- ☐ Climate Change and Community Resilience

Water and Land portfolio comments:

You open by saying "If the lake is full of eels". Look at the state of Lake Ellesmere virtually dying. I understand what is written here but a lot of it is corporate speak, saying a lot with out saying anything. Environment Canterbury needs to draw a line in the sand and tackle the real water and land issues. My concerns are the long term environmental impacts of dairy farming. The proposal says that 'science based decision making will be key'. You cannot manage what you don't measure. We need to understand the effects of dairy farming and be brave enough to tackle it head on even if it meant scaling back dairy by lowering the levels of nitrate used on the farms. Overseas studies show Bowel cancer is linked to nitrate levels. The word Cancer is not used in the report. NZ has the highest incidence of bowel cancer in the world with my late father a victim of it. We need to know

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

What you say in the first paragraph is admirable. How do you plan to relieve the pressures on the environment? Ecan claim in this portfolio to regenerate priority habitats and wetlands, protecting and enhancing these areas in collaboration with the community. Yet, in the Climate change and community resilience portfolio 'Leading flood and river resilience' Ecan talks about land drainage and erosion control. Ecan seems to be giving with one hand and taking away with another. Wetland take up the nutrients and stop the flood flows. They can protect us from the increasing storms coming through climate change.

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

This portfolio only talks about resilience and I acknowledge that the CCC has declared a climate emergency but risk management is firstly about reduction and surely this must feature as the regional Council should be providing leadership.

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

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

Using your example on p 13 this is an extra \$26.74 based on a home worth \$580K. That is a small price to pay for addressing significant issues. I agree with the Councils preferred option being option 1 but I take issue with the cautious language used. 'There is proposed provision for activity across all aspects of our work as well as significant investment on a number of key issues.'

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?

No.

Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges? Yes

Any further comments on Uniform Annual General Charges?

No, that's your area of responsibility and expertise.

Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates? Yes

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

I support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to off set some of the first year rating impact.

Any further comments on the 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 . 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

Any further comments?

This feedback was a time consuming process. You could have referenced page numbers to assist in answering your questions.

I support the public being granted the opportunity to be heard, on any decision made by elected representatives or any delegated authority that has the consequences for public health and the environment.

I also support that ECAN prioritise and resource an urgent plan change to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan, that actively provides for public input when processing resource consents that have consequences for public health and the environment. Until then, these consents should not be granted.

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? . Meeting, hui or event

Your information is held and administered by Environment Canterbury in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and Environment Canterbury's Privacy Policy.

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