

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
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>Keep:</p> <p>Lead climate change resilience, we are in a climate emergency! Help communities be prepared for change in the natural environment so that the socioeconomically disadvantage do do end up being the most negatively affected.</p> <p>Healthy fresh water, land and coastal ecosystems.</p> <p>Multi-modal transport choices. This is a major factor in climate change management and in community wellbeing.</p> <p>Accelerate regeneration of the natural environment.</p> <p>Community engagement and action, particularly through environmental education</p>	

Accelerate regeneration of the natural environment
Foster relationships to underpin action, particularly with Ngai Tahu

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):	<input type="checkbox"/> Water and Land
	<input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity and Biosecurity
	<input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change and Community Resilience
	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional and Strategic Leadership

Water and Land portfolio comments:

Canterbury has very serious freshwater quality issues, much of it caused by farming methods that are inappropriate for Canterbury soils. We need very serious investment, regulation, measurement and consequences to make progress here. We need to work towards having swimmable rivers again, these have been lost in a relatively short timeframe and significant work will still take a long time to make a meaningful improvement. Actions on land must be monitored for their effects on aquifers, lakes, rivers and the sea.

Ecan needs to work closely and constructively with the City Council to improve water quality in city rivers and other bodies of water.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

I support all Ecan's areas of work within this portfolio. These are all actions required to begin to undo previous damage and many of these areas are interrelated.

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

I believe this needs a particularly strong focus because we are at the edge of a very significant increase in the negative local consequences of climate change. Flood control and coastal management will become increasingly important and expensive; we need to be planning and extending our actions now. Civil Defence will become more important as natural hazards increase. Ecan needs to work with national government to increase the consequences for those who contaminate land and water so that in the future the polluter pays rather than rate and tax payers.

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

Transport and urban development are key areas for both climate change mitigation and community wellbeing. We need very significant improvements to public transport and better shaped community and service hubs to reduce carbon emissions, cope in a post-carbon environment and to have liveable communities.

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

We need stronger and publically available data as environmental changes quicken. The Tuia Partnership is essential to meet our Treaty obligations and to have mana whenua knowledge and attitudes influence decision making. With a continued lack of knowledge about environmental issues and large, private

concerns promoting unsustainable production and excess consumption, there is a critical need for environmental education. I support extending the youth engagement function in the Council and a considerable expansion to support for Enviroschools. It's children and youth who have the most to lose from a damaged environment and particularly the effects of climate change, they need to have the facts to they can make effective decision for their futures and to be in a position to influence decision makers.

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

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

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

I think this is a significant increase in costs which will create some hardship for poorer households but I believe the negative impact of environmental and climate harm would carry a much larger cost and this will kick in within just a few years of significant changes are not made now.

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?

In general I feel the plan leans a little too much towards local charging, for example, I think Christchurch ratepayers should subsidise the Timaru on-demand bus service trial so we can have the information from the trial to consider a similar service in part of ChCh.

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 think the size of the climate change issues and the water quality issues are sufficiently significant to spread some of that cost into the relatively near future

Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy? Don't know

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

Supporting community groups that are working to improve urban waterways and water bodies.

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?

We're in a climate crisis and an environment degradation tipping point, we need serious action NOW.

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