

## 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

**Which suburb or area do you live in?**

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

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

Ecan need to ensure that central government recognise the \$60m already invested locally. Central government should NOT be dictating that local plans be wasted in lieu of starting from scratch with the EFW policies.

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

The proposed budgets are not prudent and in my view are irresponsible. Rate rises of 10% are manageable for communities at a stretch. Focus on core activities and scrap the bloated unnecessary policies.

**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?**

As mentioned above, government must be forced to recognise the 60m local ratepayers have invested developing current plans. Projects in the pipeline that do not have clear, direct, measurable outcomes should be scrapped altogether. We should prioritise visible, effective and measurable programmes such as Land and water (including MAR), habitat restoration and development, and flood defence / management.

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

<b>Water and Land</b>	Yes
<b>Biodiversity and Biosecurity</b>	Yes
<b>Climate Change and Community Resilience</b>	No
<b>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</b>	No
<b>Regional and Strategic Leadership</b>	No

<b>Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on):</b>	.	Water and Land
	.	Biodiversity and Biosecurity
	.	Climate Change and Community Resilience
	.	Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
	.	Regional and Strategic Leadership

**Water and Land portfolio comments:**

We need to see Ecan fully recognising the significant investment to date. Recklessly scrapping current plans in favour of EFW will result in Ecan losing confidence of our rural communities who have funded much of this work so far.

**Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:**

Focus should be on wetland restoration and habitat protection. Other ideas such as Me Uru Rakau could be pushed out a few years to ease the costs.

**Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:**

Climate change resilience is going to look like a waste of money in hindsight, in my view. Human society has always needed to be resilient in the face of unpredictable natural events. Sounds trendy, waste of time and money. No measurable outcomes!!

**Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:**

These are largely urban issues and as such rates should be targeted. Urban development directly INCREASES emissions, which is ironic given the policy goals.

**Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:**

"Fluffy" policies from central government with no measurable outcomes should not be the burden of local communities who can see no tangible result from their expense. Eg Youth engagement, enviro schools. Our local schools are already doing an amazing job of engaging community in environmental initiatives!

**Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household?**      Neither option is affordable

**Any further comments on affordability for your household?**

Most of the burden here is on rural ratepayers! Rate rises in our local community will affect ability to fund local projects, schools, sports, etc etc etc. These rises are not in isolation! ratepayers are forking out left, right, and centre for various environmental or compliance improvements, which we agree are necessary, but such large additional rate rises will be very harmful to our local communities.

**Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community?** No

**Any further comments on affordability for the community?**

We need to see a responsible plan, an affordable, viable budget that demonstrates sound fiscal governance.

**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

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

Using borrowing facilities for an activity that doesn't make money represents poor, irresponsible and callous financial management. All it does is increase the cost and delay the pain for future generations.

**Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy?** Yes

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

The changes are ok in principal as long as they are not accompanied by ridiculous rate rises.

**Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below:** Ashburton 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**

**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 . Other initiative/s

The Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge is a pilot of environmental infrastructure to address water quality. To continue enhancing this infrastructure, the project would require ongoing targeted rates from the Ashburton district. Find out more [link]. Do you want to see this project continue? Yes

**Any further comments on Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge? Yes**

This is an outstanding project with measurable local environmental outcomes - fantastic. This is what we need in our efforts to improve our land and water.

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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