

## Comments

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<b>Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?</b>	No, I'm submitting as an individual
<b>Are you willing to tell us more about yourself?</b>	Yes
<b>Which age category are you in?</b>	25-39 years old
<b>Which suburb or area do you live in?</b>	
<b>Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?</b>	Yes
<b>Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?</b>	Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives
<b>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?</b>	
<p>I support all the Option 1 actions, but it is especially crucial that you keep the actions to improve freshwater, the biodiversity and restoration programmes, work to develop Canterbury's climate change resilience, and enhance the public transport system - we should really have been pushing all of these much sooner.</p>	
<b>Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:</b>	
<b>Water and Land</b>	Yes

<b>Biodiversity and Biosecurity</b>	Yes
<b>Climate Change and Community Resilience</b>	Yes
<b>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</b>	Yes
<b>Regional and Strategic Leadership</b>	Yes

**Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on):**

**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?**

Not that big an increase, and we need to do it. There's rates rebate options for people who genuinely really struggle to pay.

**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?**

Don't generally support them - I think keeping payments based on the rateable value of the property is a more equitable approach

**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 am much more worried about the massive degradation of our freshwater and our loss of biodiversity than I am about the council getting into debt. It's absolutely urgent we take more action on this - issues like freshwater and biodiversity will only get harder to fix if we let them continue to degenerate. And trying to build our resilience to climate change will cost us much more further down the track. I think it's absolutely worthwhile to borrow the money rather than be held back by insufficient funding.

**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?**

Seems legit

**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  
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?** 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?** . Email

*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