

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?

All of the proposed components sound worthwhile.

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): . Biodiversity and Biosecurity

Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

1. I strongly support increased investment in pest management, but would like to greater support for management of plant pests that threaten native species and habitats, as well as increased support for management of animal pests.
2. I strongly support funding of a community fund to support biodiversity-oriented work, but it is essential to ensure that such groups have access to (and that they follow) relevant technical advice. I also hope that funding will be used to support long-term and low-key work (such as weeding and support for natural regeneration).
3. I strongly encourage ECan to focus as much as possible on facilitating natural regeneration of native habitat rather than active tree planting. This approach is far more cost effective than planting, and reduces the need to establish and manage systems for true eco-sourcing of seedlings. It may lack the "feel good" factor of getting people out for planting days, but it will get us farther, faster.
4. It is encouraging of course to see protection and enhancement of priority habitats and wetlands listed as a component of this portfolio. However: both ECan and the Christchurch City Council have utterly failed to protect a large area of nationally significant habitat on Kaitorete in the last few years. If a site with this level of biodiversity importance cannot be protected, I am not confident that anything can.

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? Don't know

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? Yes

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

It seems like a sensible approach given that we are in the midst of recovering from the economic disruption of the pandemic, and may help offset rates increases for households less able to absorb increases.

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

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
- . Other initiative/s (please specify)

Other initiative/s (please specify) Christchurch

Financial and practical support for retiring marginal farmland, removing stock, and facilitating natural regeneration. This might be accompanied by assistance entering such areas into a carbon credits scheme.

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?

- . Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- . Postcard
- . Email

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