

## 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?** Other option (please specify)

All of Option 1 and more.

I support the enduring priorities, transformational opportunities, values and operating principles. I think it's important to understand:

"Taking into account cultural, social, economic and environmental wellbeing"

in light of environmental wellbeing being the basis for cultural, social, and economic well-being now and into the future. This means that environmental well-being needs should not be weighed up or 'balanced' against current economic returns in a way that enables further degradation of the environment. All our human well-being needs must be attended to in ways that are consistent with and supportive of sustaining and restoring the natural environment. They also need to be attended to in ways that take into account equity, so that everyone's needs are met well.

I strongly support ECAN's declaration of a Climate Emergency, and want you to act strongly and quickly in all ways possible to mitigate it and to embark on the transformations needed to provide for a future low-emissions, climate-challenged society.

The cultural, social and economic costs of climate and biodiversity instability are already significant, will become significantly greater, and without major efforts worldwide, will become catastrophic. The costs of insufficient action so large, that they justify major investments in mitigation and adaption now.

**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?**

I support pretty much everything in the plan.

Greater breadth, investment and speed in the following:

strong and rapid action to ensure that most people have access to safe, accessible, low-emissions public transport, as well as safe practical active transport routes, so that people have suitable alternatives to personal cars.

**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>	Yes
<b>Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development</b>	Yes
<b>Regional and Strategic Leadership</b>	Yes

<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

**Water and Land portfolio comments:**

Strong and rapid action to protect waterways and groundwater. This includes changes to the plan or any regulations to ensure the public can be heard on any decision affecting public health or the natural environment. No consents should be granted for activities that may endanger these, at least until the public has been well-informed, and had the opportunity to be heard. The protection of the natural environment and public health (especially climate stability, widespread biodiversity, and clean water, air, and soil) take precedence over private economic interests. For instance, no more consents should not be granted for activities that will continue or increase nitrate leaching to groundwaters and waterways.

Fertile and relatively uncontaminated soils must be protected from degradation, contamination, and from excessive encroachment of exotic plantation forestry. This would require significant support for discovering and propagating restorative agricultural practices.

**Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:**

Biodiversity is an important basis for sustainable environment and society and economy. Biodiversity loss and loss of habitat need to be strongly defended against.

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

In addition to transport, urban design, transport, land-use mentioned in other answers, there needs to be a good education programme so that people understand the need for strong action and change.



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

In light of the Climate Emergency, and the need to get GHG emissions down significantly within the early part of this LTP term, and down to much less than half by the end of it, there is a need for greater breadth, investment, and speed.

Urban development for future population expansion and movement away from climate-change affected areas must be planned for well in advance of emergencies that will come. Housing, community, and economic activity, and transport should be strongly integrated for effectiveness and for consistency with a very low emissions future.

Markets alone are unlikely to be able to do this.

It is important that ECAN participate in strong forward planning and actions to enable and support this.

Strong and rapid action to ensure that most people have access to safe, accessible, low-emissions public transport, as well as safe practical active transport routes so that people have suitable alternatives to personal cars. While some revenue may be able to be gathered from public transport fares, it's important that public transport be more affordable as well as more effective. I support significant reduction in public transport fares for young people, for community service cardholders, and more widely to regular commuters to make it easier and more likely that people will reduce private car use.

Regional and local routes for active transport and for e-scooters and e-bikes must be provided so that these can become the primary modes for most people most for most trips. These need to be easy to find, well signposted, safe (separated from motor traffic), pleasant, and supported with other infrastructure such as secure parking, shelters etc.

**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?**

The revenue required should be sourced in a way that does not place more costs on those least able to afford it; I would support a more progressive rating scheme, accessing more funding from payments by polluters, from NZTA, and other central government funding. More of the rating should come from progressive general rating based on property values, less from fixed UAGC, in order to improve equitability. Consider additional changes to the rating schemes to increase rating on land that is used for activities that make a profit from activities that create environmental or public health harms (where there are permitted at all).

**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?**

Use more progressive rating and less UAGC.

**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?**

People in the future will face increasing challenges and costs related to environmental degradation and climate change. It is not fair to push current operating costs into the future.

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

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

Fees for environmental and climate damage activities should be significant as a deterrent as well as to offset costs to ECAN.

Fees for transition activities towards zero or very low -emissions should be very low to support these moves.

**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**

**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:** Yes

**Tell us which information you do not want disclosed:** Please do not publish my email address or phone number, or any contact details..