

Comments

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Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?	Yes, I'm submitting on behalf of an organisation
Which organisation are you submitting on behalf of?	Hurunui District Landcare Group
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)

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

Water and Land	No
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	No
Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development	Unsure
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):

- ☐ Water and Land
- ☐ Biodiversity and Biosecurity
- ☐ Climate Change and Community Resilience

Water and Land portfolio comments:

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Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio comments:

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Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

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

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?

The UAGC should be used to its maximum allowed level to more fairly spread the cost over all residents

Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates? ☐ Yes

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

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

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?

- . Word of mouth
- . 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: No

Submission of Hurunui District Landcare Group on the ECan Long term plan

The Hurunui District Landcare Group, (HDLG) is an incorporated society with 170 members in the Hurunui District. Our aim is to work with our farmer, and community members to enable on the ground action to improve environmental outcomes in our district.

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The HDLG wish to present at the hearings.

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