

## Comments

### LTP 2021-31

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**Do you wish to speak to your submission?** No

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**From:**

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**Subject:** submission from the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board on Environmental Canterbury's Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

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**Attachments:** [Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board s submission to Ecan s 2021-2031 Long Term Plan\(2\).pdf](#)

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Good Afternoon

Please could you accept the attached submission from the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board on Environmental Canterbury's Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

Kind regards

**Thea Kunkel** | Governance Team Leader

Governance



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8 April 2021

The Chief Executive  
Environment Canterbury

E-mail:

Dear Madam

### **SUBMISSION ON ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY'S DRAFT 2021/31 LONG TERM PLAN**

The Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board welcomes the opportunity to submit on Environment Canterbury's (ECan) Draft Long Term Plan 2021/2031 (LTP). The Board supports the Waimakariri District Council's submission on the draft LTP. There are however two issues that the Board wishes to highlight.

#### **(a) Proposed increase in rates in the first year of the LTP**

The Board wishes to register its concern regarding the large increase in Environment Canterbury's (ECan) proposed rates. The Board feels that the average Waimakariri household will not be able to afford the 24.5 % rates increase as proposed in the first year of the LTP. This large increase will also potentially nullify the Waimakariri District Council's efforts to limit its rates increases to an average of less than 4% in 2021/22.

It seems that ECan did not consider the option of spreading rates increases across multiple years. The Board do not believe that such a large increase could be justified, especially in light of the financial problems brought on by Covid-19 that are still effecting communities. The Board therefore requests ECan to consider incurring debt for a longer period and borrowing rather than expecting ratepayers to pay.

#### **(b) Increase in targeted transport passenger rates**

The Board is also concerned about the proposed increase in targeted transport passenger rates. It would appear that the Waimakariri ratepayers are being expected to pay an unduly excessive amount, particularly given the minimal increases signalled for Christchurch and Selwyn ratepayers.

The table below illustrate the continued rise in the transport passenger rates faced by urban ratepayers in Waimakariri since 2017.

Rating Year	ECan Passenger Transport (Urban) rates in Waimakariri
2017/2018	\$51.29
2018/2019	\$75.54
2019/2020	\$81.10
2020/2021	\$105.96
2021/2022	\$155.74 (draft proposal)

Thank you once again for the opportunity to comment.

C Greengrass  
Chairperson  
Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

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