

## Comments

### LTP 2021-31

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<b>Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?</b>	No, I'm submitting as an individual
<b>Which age category are you in?</b>	-
<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>	
<b>Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below:</b>	-
<b>Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Kaikoura</b>	
<b>Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Hurunui</b>	
<b>Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waimakariri</b>	
<b>Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Christchurch</b>	

**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?** No

**How did you find out about giving feedback?**

FP.

LTP submission.



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Please review the Consultation Document and Supplementary Information at [haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/LTP](https://haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/LTP) for more details.

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 You can fill out an online version of this form at [haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/LTP](http://haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/LTP)

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## Postcode

☒ No, I'm submitting as an individual

NA

☐ 0-14 ☐ 15-24 ☐ 25-39 ☐ 40-64 ☒ 65+

Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No  
☐ Don't know

Any further comments?

Rate Increases Should Be Tied to Inflation

Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?

- ☐ Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives  
☐ Option 2: statutory work and prior commitments  
☐ Other option (please specify)

Tell us what you would like to keep in the plan, what you think should be removed, and anything that you think we have missed?

Ecan must live within the annual inflation RATE

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

- |   |                              |  |                                 |
|---|------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water and Land                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity and Biosecurity                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No            | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No            | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change and Community Resilience      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No            | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional and Strategic Leadership            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |

Water and Land portfolio comments:

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Biodiversity and Biosecurity comments:

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Climate Change and Community Resilience comments:

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Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development comments:

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Regional and Strategic Leadership comments:

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Affordability/how we're proposing to pay for these activities

Tell us your view on the affordability of the proposed increase in total rates revenue (under Option 1 or Option 2). Please check our rates calculator [ratescalculator.ecan.govt.nz](https://ratescalculator.ecan.govt.nz) as the increase will be different for different ratepayers, depending on your property and land value and location.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household?

- ☐ Option 1 is affordable  
☐ Option 2 is affordable  
☒ Neither option is affordable

Any further comments on affordability?

Inflation is under 2% a 24.5% increase in Ecan Rates is totally unacceptable, and will be challenged in court. Farming People will be severely impacted due to paying already high  
Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community Ecan Rates.

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No  
☐ Don't know

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

The proposed scandalous 24.5% increase suggest to us that Ecan needs to be dismantled and restructured. Ecan needs to adapt to operate within inflation guide lines.  
24.5% increase is absolutely not acceptable

**Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges?**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Don't know

Any further comments on how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges?

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**Borrowing**

Borrowing can be used to spread the burden of a high-cost activity over several years. We usually consider it appropriate to spread the cost of an activity because the benefit of the activity lasts the same time or longer than the repayment period. With a potential 10-year loan period, repayments would have some impact on rates for 13 years.

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

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No  
☐ Don't know

-- limited Borrowing

Any further comments on borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates?

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**Fees and Charges**

Our Fees and Charges Policy sets out how much users will pay for activities like consents, compliance and monitoring, harbourmaster and navigation safety, and holding events in regional parks and forests.

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

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Don't know

Any further comments on the draft Fees and Charges Policy?

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### Local projects and new initiatives

We're also seeking feedback on whether we should continue investing in some of our existing projects that are funded by targeted rates or try these new initiatives in other districts. New projects will not commence until 2024.

#### Should we continue investing in MyWay by Metro, Timaru's on-demand public transport service, after the trial period is completed?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No  
☐ Don't know

Any further comments?

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The Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge is a pilot of environmental infrastructure to address water quality. To continue enhancing this infrastructure, the project would require ongoing targeted rates to the local Hinds Plains community between the Ashburton and Rangitata Rivers. Do you want to see this project continue?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No  
☐ Don't know

Any further comments?

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#### Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? (please select all those that apply)

- ☐ On-demand public transport services  
☐ Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality  
☐ Other initiative/s (please specify)

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### Supporting documents

Please attach any documents to support your submission.

Refer page 3.



### Public hearings

If you would like to speak to your submission at a hearing with Environment Canterbury's Council let us know. We will be in touch to arrange once submissions have closed. Hearings will be held on 27, 28 April and 4 May 2021.

### Do you wish to speak to your submission?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

### There is personal information/contact details in my submission I do not want disclosed

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

Tell us which information you do not want disclosed:

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### Where did you hear about the consultation?

- ☐ Meeting, hui or event   ☐ Environment Canterbury website   ☐ Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)   ☐ Radio  
☐ Postcard   ☒ Newspaper   ☐ Email   ☐ Word of mouth   ☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### Any further comments?

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## Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to make a submission on the draft Long-Term Plan 2021-31.