

## Comments

### LTP 2021-31

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Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?	No, I'm submitting as an individual
Which age category are you in?	-
Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on):	
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?** No

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

#### Climate Change and Community Resilience comments:

A lot of farms are already carbon neutral. Support this!  
Don't keep setting the bar higher every time!

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

N/A

#### Regional and Strategic Leadership comments:

- Collaboration with landowners is the best way forward.
- Higher efficiency to be expected from Ecan - less red tape and bureaucracy

#### 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?

On calculations it shows that an increase between 37-78% (option 1) and 27-69% (option 2) which is not affordable - A 10% increase is realistic in current economic climate - This is daylight robbery.

#### Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No  
☐ Don't know

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

See above.

It seems rural communities are being proposed with an increase of more than double that compared to urban increase (19-22% opt 1 and 11-14% opt 2)  
This is not a fair system!

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

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No  
☐ Don't know

Any further comments?

I cannot find a prioritisation - Within the current economic climate I believe there needs to be a more careful approach to spending money as a great portion of the public is financially struggling.

#### 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)

Neither option. The current program needs a more realistic budget

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?

Stick to the basics  
This is not a time for extravagant spending.

#### 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change and Community Resilience      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" 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:

Good work is already happening - Don't push it further

#### Biodiversity and Biosecurity comments:

Support current biodiversity programs. Don't push it too hard



### 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?

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?

If they want it they pay for it !

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)

Stick to the basics - not a time for luxury spending

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?

More equal charges and max 10% increase

### 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

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

You just need to work within your means like all the rest of us

### 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?

The processes are too expensive and cumbersome.  
It causes negative outcomes

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# Feedback form

## Puka urupare

Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury) is the regional council for Waitaha the Canterbury region. We are taking action together to shape a thriving and resilient Canterbury, now and for future generations.

Our Long-Term Plan sets out the activities, priorities and work programmes we propose to deliver over a 10-year period. It also outlines the costs and how they could be funded.

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

**Consultation closes Sunday 11 April 2021.**

### Ways to submit this form:

**By mail (no stamp required):**

**By email:**

**Online:**

LTP submission, Freepost 1201, Environment Canterbury, PO Box 345, Christchurch 8140

mailroom@ecan.govt.nz subject line: LTP submission

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

## Tell us what you think

By making a submission you agree that Environment Canterbury may use and publish that feedback, including your name and contact details. If you do not wish for your personal details to be made public, please indicate this in your submission.

Your information is held and administered by Environment Canterbury in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and Environment Canterbury's Privacy Policy.

## Tell us about you

Name C Barnes

Address

Postcode

Phone number

Mobile number

Email

## Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

☐ Yes, I'm submitting on behalf of an organisation

☒ No, I'm submitting as an individual

## Which organisation are you submitting on behalf of?

The following questions are optional, but will help us make better decisions and ensure we're hearing from people across the region.

## Which age category are you in?

☐ 0-14 ☐ 15-24 ☐ 25-39 ☒ 40-64 ☐ 65+

## Supporting documents

Please attach any documents to support your submission.



## 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:

## 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?

## Thank you

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