

## Comments

## LTP 2021-31

**Comment ID** 1264 14/04/21 3:08 PM **Response Date** Status Submitted **Submission Type Email** 0.2 Version **Files** Daniela First name Bagozzi **Surname Email address** 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

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From: To:

Subject: LTP SUBMISSION

**Date:** Sunday, 11 April 2021 11:52:57 am

From: Daniela Bagozzi

I am writing to support Option 1.

If I may elaborate on a few points:

- I support the proposed rates increase: While rates increases will affect lower income households (be they homeowners or tenants) more significantly, the cost of not intervening will be far greater and will affect future generations more dramatically.
- I support the plans to protect and improve **freshwater** the restoration of rivers and other water bodies affected by human activity (intensive agriculture and other activities); this is even more important as we are facing the serious effects of climate change.
- I oppose extending the Managed Aquifer Re-charge programme to other areas.
- I urge you to step up your response to **climate change**, both to achieve **mitigation as well as adaptation**.
- I support **Pest control: animal and weed pests** threatening the indigenous biodiversity and the environment (e.g.: Lupins' effect on braided rivers).
- I support programmes to achieve **restoration of natural environments** wherever possible, especially on any land owned by ECAN (including that land which is leased or used by third parties).
- I also want to add a word of support for the **funding of community led initiatives**, where local voluntary organisations (with proven track record) can produce excellent results with small amounts of funding, thanks to the involvement of existing networks of residents and other volunteers.

- I urge ECAN to step up its efforts in **monitoring compliance & enforcing** environmental rules & regulations.
- I support the proposals re: developing a sustainable public transport system.

I mostly cycle and walk, but also use buses and drive a car and car pool wherever possible.

Through my personal experience and the result of small scale informal surveys I have done in the past re: use of public transport, the following were identified as significant barriers to the use of public transport:

- Lack of Convenience & Certainty: having a clear understanding of bus routes (i.e.: frequent changes confusing people) and a certainty re: timetabling.
- Cost: upfront cost of cash bus fare. Suggestion: offering heavily discounted yearly passes to all residents please see Appendix 1 for further detail.
- **Concerns about safety**: concern about risks when walking to/from bus stops, waiting at bus stops, in areas where there might be alcohol-fuelled or other violence

(e.g.: areas where there is no foot traffic etc., experience of past exposure to or witnessing of harrassment or threat from carloads of intoxicated youth, experience of threatening behaviour on buses).

- I **support the proposed borrowing** - the current interest rates being so low makes the proposed borrowing an especially sensible option.

I **do not wish to speak** to my submission, as I am sure there will be many scientists and ecologists whose presentation will add more value to the discussion process than what I could ever hope to do.

Yours faithfully,

Daniela Bagozzi

Appendix 1:

Suggestion re: offering heavily discounted yearly passes to all residents

Possibilities:

A free or heavily discounted yearly pass could be offered or automatically issued to all owner occupiers of residential dwellings together with their yearly rates assessment letter

- the cost effectiveness of issuing the yearly pass at a fee or for free needs to be investigated, to ensure introducing a charge doesn't end up costing more than the revenue raised.

All residents in social housing could be automatically be offered one, delivered through their social housing provider (housing provider could ensure delivery of relevant maps/timetables).

Everyone else would have to apply for the free or discounted yearly pass, with care being taken that the applicant is lawfully residing at the address.

Appropriately priced special tourist passes could be sold, perhaps including access to important tourist attractions.