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Subject: Mid Canterbury Independent Irrigators Inc member submission
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HI

As a member of Mid Canterbury Independent Irrigators Inc. we had an exemption to get our submission for long term plan into today

Regards Anns

Feedback form

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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 for more details.

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Consultation closes Sunday 11 April 2021.

Ways to submit this form:

By mail (no stamp required):

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

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

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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.

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Tell us about you

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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+

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

- ☐ Yes
☒ No
☐ Don't know

Any further comments?

E-can should be going to great lengths to get Government to recognise that we already have spent 60m on our Subregional plans, it should not be focusing on renewing plans. Flood control and Biosecurity should have greater focus.

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)

25% rates rise is unacceptable, ppg plans and targets should be reduced to meet a more responsible budget. E-can should concentrate on its core functions.

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?

Items that should be removed from the plan are the things that have no tangible outcome such as Me uro rakau, community resilience etc, these involve big spending of rate payers money. Flood protection, priority habitat protection & restoration should be treated as important.

It should be demanded that the 60m that we as ratepayers have already spent should be recognised.

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water and Land | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity and Biosecurity | <input checked="" 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 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:

I do not agree that we should redo our plans to meet EFW. 10 years of work have already been put in by us and E-can.
E-can is showing no regard for rate payers historic investments.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity comments:

Climate Change and Community Resilience comments:

I support flood and river resilience and I oppose climate change resilience (& community) these will be costly and long term, should be delayed at least.

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development comments:

As a rural taxpayer with no access to urban transport I object to having to contribute. Urban sprawl is against Mr Carrs climate change report but Ecan appears to be allowing Rolleston, Lincoln, Halswell & Hurunui to spread into rural areas. - what about the resulting pollutants from these areas?..

Regional and Strategic Leadership comments:

Enviro schools and youth engagement should not be priority for Ecan spending, these should fall to M of E

Shouldn't the government be responsible for resourcing runanga so that they can advise on EFW? Not ratepayers.

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 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?

Our rates are likely to rise significantly, it has been noted the chair of Ecan says these proposals are easily affordable for urban ratepayers as most of the burden falls on rural ratepayers, this is not affordable to us on top of all our other new compliance costs and investing in GMP etc.

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?

Until Ecan can come up with an affordable budget that reflects a responsible financial governance approach, it should reduce its goals to spend our money.

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?

Costs should be applied in a way that reflects who/what will benefit

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?

Borrowing won't save money. If the rise is unaffordable then less should be spent.

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?

I don't oppose the principle but I oppose the high costs to rural rate payers, the proposed excessively high rates are hugely costly to farmers and businesses

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?

I don't live in Timaru so it should not be up to me to decide.

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?

At least it is delivering positive outcomes.

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)

I support investing in logical catchment interventions like water recycling and water storage, these seem sensible going forwards with the challenges of climate change.

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?

We are members of the Mid Canterbury independent irrigators inc, therefore we have a dispensation to submit this form on 13/04/21.

Thank you

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