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Key Submissions

Revenue and Expenditure

We are opposed to the massive increase in rates proposed for 2022/23 compared with 2021/22, which will be sustained for the current LTP period. We ask that council puts in place a regime to prioritise its spending more focused on its mandated roles.

The focus should be on natural hazards ie investing in building Canterbury community resilience to flooding events.

Freshwater / planning and city transport.

We ask that council constrains its expenditure increases to no greater than the rate of inflation for the 10 years of this LTP, thereby reducing the magnitude of rate increases, Your communities are struggling and feeling the intense pain of Covid 19, last years floods increasing interest rates and international trading and logistic disruptions.

Flood recovery.

We support a UAGC approach for the whole community to repair river flood damage.

We fully support a flood recovery rate funded by general rates given the regional and national significance of the flood event

Every Cantabrian was effected by the flooding as food, communications, fuel or electricity moved across the region. It is in every rate payers interest to restore our river beds and berms.

As a point to note, the rivers across the region are aggregating at a alarming rate.

They have been doing so for thousands of years and will do for many more. So everyone benefits from well managed river beds whether in the High country or St Albans.

Borrowing and repaying through the general rate is an appropriate approach while interest rates are relatively low.

The Council must ensure that there are sufficient reserves and capability to enable a rapid response to any significant natural event. Of note ,Till such a time that the river berms a restored, everyone and things are at risk.

We oppose the special climate response fund. When the Council is fulfilling its job as expected, it would naturally be looking forward, to ensure the appropriate protection is invested in, to deliver the level increased protection required of the community.

Reviewing Flood protection costs in Ashburton District.

We fully support the proposal as presented to Council.

We have been involved in community meetings and for the last 25 years or so on the Ashburton River Liason group.

The proposal removes the inequities of 2 combined rating districts and sets up a more equitable whole of catchment scheme.

Further, I would support further funding for land purchase to adapt existing infrastructure/retreat stopbanks from the river, if it leads to better long term outcomes. I am aware of at least one site of this nature on the Ashburton/Hakatere River and would like to see proactive and timely action now to protect the community for the long term, resolve gravel aggregation issues and adapt to extreme weather events.

It is not very often that a community is presented with willing land owners who can offer to be part of the solution.

We just need to invest in the solution and pay it back over time. Its like investing in a flood bank and paying off the loan.

Please support this approach.

Rgds

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