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Having read the ECAN Annual Plan, I wish to submit that the proposed rates increase is, quite simply, unacceptable. While the actual quantum figure for people like myself as a home owner may not be particularly great in itself, such costs need to be considered from a wider perspective and within a wider framework. With current inflation estimates in excess of 7% for the 2022 year, the proposed ECAN rate increase is unaffordable. It is one of many cost increases facing us and cannot and must not be considered in isolation. The ECAN proposal, in my view, demonstrates a lack of appreciation of the financial circumstances of the great majority of your constituents - and electors. I would urge you to show greater empathy with and understanding of the realities of life for 'Joe Public' and 'cut your cloth' in exactly the same way that we are.

Nga mihi  
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