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Environmental Regulation and Protection

We are Canterbury's environmental regulator. We are responsible for managing natural resources including air, soil, water and land. We work with mana whenua, stakeholders, and communities to promote the sustainable management of these natural resources, and protect and enhance the health of our natural environment.

Question	Answer
We are proposing three options for funding our Environmental Regulation and Protection services. Please indicate which option you prefer	
Tell us more about the option you chose. What would you support and what would you suggest we change or do differently for Environmental Regulation and Protection?	

Targeted rate for Christchurch district biodiversity

We are proposing to fund more work to improve indigenous biodiversity outcomes in Christchurch and Banks Peninsula through a new targeted rate to properties in those areas.

This would be in addition to the work already funded through the existing regional rate. \$1million for this additional work is already included in Council's preferred option for Environmental Regulation and Protection services.

This equates to rates of 72 cents per year per \$100,000 of your property value.

If there is sufficient support for this new targeted rate, Council could decide to include this targeted rate regardless of whether Option 2 is ultimately accepted.

Question	Answer
Do you support this new biodiversity targeted rate?	
Tell us more about why you support / don't support this biodiversity rate?	

Community Preparedness and Response to Hazards

We support the community to be prepared for, and be able to respond to hazards, and to be prepared for changes in the natural environment.

Question	Answer
We are proposing three options for funding our Community Preparedness and Response to Hazards services. Please indicate which option you prefer	
Tell us more about the option you chose. What would you support and what would you suggest we change or do differently for Community Preparedness and Response to Hazards?	

Targeted rate for Selwyn district for river resilience

We are proposing a trial in the Selwyn district to carry out additional flood and river resilience activities.

Existing schemes do not change.

The cost for this additional work will be through a targeted rate to all properties in the Selwyn district. \$200,000 for this additional work is already included in Council's preferred option for Community Preparedness and Response to Hazards. This equates to rates of \$7.08 per rate-paying property in Selwyn district in 2024/25 (Year 1).

Question	Answer
Do you support a new river targeted rate in Selwyn?	
Tell us more about why you support / don't support this river rate	

Public Transport

We provide urban bus services within the Canterbury region, and ferry services in Christchurch.

We do this because public transport increases accessibility, connects communities and contributes to significant environmental benefits such as reduced greenhouse gas emissions, better air quality, and improved travel times across the transport network.

Question	Answer
We are proposing three options to fund Public Transport services. Please indicate which option you prefer	
Tell us more about the option you chose. What would you support and what would you suggest we change or do differently for Public Transport?	

Fees and Charges schedule

In order to make our consent-related costs more transparent, we are proposing a move towards a fixed-fee approach for some of our consenting work.

There are a number of benefits to this for our community including certainty of invoice amount, more timely invoicing, removing the need for a deposit and standard site visit costs will be built in.

Question	Answer
Do you agree with this new fees and charges proposal?	
Tell us more about why you support / don't support this approach. What would you support and what would you suggest we change or do differently?	

Uniform Annual General Charge / Uniform Annual Charge (UAGC/UAC)

UAGC/UAC are flat charges that are applied at the same amount for every property, no matter the value of your property. We currently charge ratepayers \$54.49 (in the 2023/24 year) for a range of services funded by UAGC or targeted UAC. This income represents approximately 8% of the total amount of money we collect from rates.

Council's preferred option is to set the UAGC and UAC charges to approximately 8% of total rates each year of the Long-Term Plan. This means as rates rise in the future, the value of the UAGC/UAC component of rates will also rise.

Question	Answer
Which Uniform Annual General Charge/Uniform Annual Charge	

(UAGC/UAC) rate increase would you support?	
Tell us more about the option you chose. What would you suggest we change or do differently?	

Strategies and policies

Question	Answer
We'd value your feedback on any of these strategies and policies	
Tell us what you think about the Financial Strategy	
Tell us what you think about the Revenue and Financing Policy	
Tell us what you think about the 30-Year Infrastructure Strategy 2024-54	
Tell us what you think about the Engagement, Significance and Māori Participation Policy	

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Tēnā Koe,

Environment Canterbury

Re: Environment Canterbury Long-Term Plan 2023/2024 Submission

Environmental Regulation and Protection

Ngāti Wheke are supportive of Option 1: *Effective Environmental Regulation and Protection services with significant investment towards community funding (\$140.4m in 2024/25, Year 1)*

Ngāti Wheke see value in community funding as we are aligned of the aspirations of Whakaora Healthy Harbour Plan of which Environment Canterbury are a signatory. Ngāti Wheke wish to enable the community to act in their kaitiakitanga of the whenua of which they value.

Ngāti Wheke need to be enabled to exercise their kaitiakitanga within their takiwā, as is their birthright. This can be enabled by Environment Canterbury by continuing to manaaki communities with the ability to act in their own roles and responsibilities to the whenua.

Targeted rate for Christchurch district biodiversity

Ngāti Wheke are *supportive* of the targeted rate for Christchurch district biodiversity.

Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke are kaitiaki over Whakaraupō and the wider Ngāti Wheke takiwā. As such, we are responsible for upholding the mauri of the whenua and moana within the space of Ngāti Wheke. The takiwā holds significant ecological importance, characterized by a rich diversity of unique native species, reminiscent of an era when indigenous flora and fauna flourished, undisturbed by pests and introduced predators. Presently, however, many of these taonga species exist in diminished, vulnerable populations.

As kaitiaki, Ngāti Wheke are obliged to protect taonga present within the environment, including land, natural features, waterways, and indigenous flora and fauna endemic to the rohe. The wawata, or vision, espoused by the hapū, is a future wherein the mauri of the taiao is rejuvenated and balance is restored within the ecosystem.

Ngāti Wheke's commitment to enhancing biodiversity within Whakaraupō aligns with Environment Canterbury's suggestion of a targeted biodiversity rate. The continuation of this work is fundamental to ensuring the sustainability and resilience of communities and ecosystems, leaving a lasting positive legacy for future generations.

Community Preparedness and Response to Hazards

Ngāti Wheke are supportive of Option 1: *Effective and efficient Community Preparedness and Response to Hazards services with significant increase in investment. (\$52.4m in 2024/25, Year 1)*, with further suggestions.

Ngāti Wheke has aspirations to practice their indigenous approaches to natural hazards given that Rāpaki and Ngāti Wheke takiwā is predominately covered by rockfall areas. Due to the intergenerational tenure of Māori land, residents are acutely aware of the potential and actual risk of rockfall within the Rāpaki, and would like to have the ability to exercise their actual and cultural safety within their takiwā. This can be enabled by Environment Canterbury by continuing to manaaki the ability of Ngāti Wheke to exercise this right.

Ngāti Wheke suggests that Environment Canterbury recognise and provide for the rangatiratanga of mana whenua by enabling mana whenua to lead approaches on the management of natural hazards affecting Māori.

Targeted rate for Selwyn district for river resilience

Ngāti Wheke *support* the targeted rate for Selwyn district for river resilience.

Ngāti Wheke in general are supportive of funds going towards the whenua, moana, and where they meet. The trial for additional flood and river resilience protects Ngāi Tahu values, places, and whānui.

Ngāti Wheke suggest that Environment Canterbury work with mana whenua in creating an action plan that is aligned with Ngāi Tahu values and tikanga and embodies the partnership of te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Public Transport

Ngāti Wheke are supportive of Option 1: *(Council's preferred option) Full investment to our committed work programme of service improvements (\$160.8m in 2024/25, Year 1)*, with further suggestions.

Ngāti Wheke are supportive of services and functions reaching our whānau and takiwā as a means of efficient public transport, from a historical, relational, and environmental point of view. Ngāti Wheke ancestors travelled across Waitaha to other takiwā, and public transport is a modern embodiment of human nature ability to travel and whānau ancestral connection to place.

Ngāti Wheke suggest that Environment Canterbury work with mana whenua to reflect our takiwā and ancestral connection to Aoraki in Waitaha, rather than Taranaki maunga in the advertising of Motu Move. Ngāti Wheke wish to give the proper respect to Aoraki in this public transport revamp and would appreciate mana enhancing advertising on these public transport vessels.

Ngāti Wheke wish to see Aoraki represented in this public transport revamp to provide for our cultural values and respect to our Ngāi Tahu common ancestor, Aoraki.

Uniform Annual General Charge/ Uniform Annual Charge (UAGC/UAC)

Strategies and policies

30-Year Infrastructure Strategy 2024-54

Ngāti Wheke are generally *supportive* of the 30-Year Infrastructure Strategy given its purpose is for flood resilience.

However, Ngāti Wheke wish to highlight that damming is condoned due to the ecological integrity of the whenua due to this anthropogenic change to Pāpatūānuku. Ngāti Wheke are also concerned that the \$50,000 delegated to the 10 year investigation in to the Halswell/Huritini flood storage basin from the Port Hills catchments is not sufficient considering the population of the area, and the threat to stormwater contamination in Whakaraupō.

Ngāti Wheke support fish passage improvements, given manawhenua can dictate which marine species are to pass in what areas. This is an aspiration for Ngāti Wheke to exercise their kaitiakitanga based off manawhenua values.

Ngāti Wheke support that the properties of te Mana o te Wai are given effect to in this strategy as it states.

Engagement, Significance and Māori Participation Policy

Ngāti Wheke wish to see the aspirations within the Long-Term Plan consultation document come to fruition with suggestions of slight changes to the wording. These are the aspiration to empower communities to take their own action alongside the ability to foster relationships to underpin regional leadership in our communities. Ngāti Wheke wish to act in their rangatiratanga in all spaces, where Crown relationships can enable Ngāti Wheke to do so.

Ngāti Wheke wish to engage with Environment Canterbury by embodying the principles of te Tiriti o Waitangi. Ngāti Wheke aspire to reach a reciprocal relationship with Environment Canterbury, reliant on our working and Governance relationships.