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Please provide your phone number so we can contact you to schedule a hearing time	
Which age category are you in?	65+

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	Option 2: (Council’s preferred option) Effective Community Preparedness and Response to Hazards services with less additional investment and use of debt funding to manage cost pressures. (\$50.5M in 2024/25, Year 1)
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?	As attached. Plus Change Lake Hood consents to allow non consumptive take of 1cm continuous.

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?	Don't know
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	None of the above options
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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We invite you to make a submission on Environment Canterbury's draft Long-Term Plan 2024-34. Submissions close Sunday 14 April 2024.

Please keep a copy of your submission for your records.

We encourage you to read 'What's the cost to Waitaha/Canterbury?', prior to completing this form. We estimate the form will take between 5-20 minutes to complete.

We're asking for your thoughts

We want your feedback on the proposed activity and funding options outlined in our consultation document, 'What's the cost to Waitaha/Canterbury?'

Fields marked * are mandatory. Submissions will be publicly available as required by the Local Government Act 2002. Environment Canterbury's submissions policy sets out how we handle submissions. Your information is held and administered by Environment Canterbury in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and Environment Canterbury's privacy policy. You can find these policies on our website at ecan.govt.nz/policies

For your submission to be valid, you must provide your name, which will be published on our website. However, you can ask for it to be kept private.

Your details

Please tick the box if you prefer your name not to be visible on our website. Your contact details will remain private.

☐ I prefer my name not to be visible on the website

First name* (Required) David

Last name* (Required) WEST

Email* (Required) david@westfarms.co.nz

If you do not have an email address, please provide your mailing address here, including your postcode:

Please post your submission to:

FREEPOST 1201, Environment Canterbury, PO Box 345, Christchurch 8140

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation, association or community group?

(Choose one option) (Required)

☐ Yes, I'm submitting on behalf of an organisation, association or community group

Name of organisation, association or community group (Required if you ticked Yes)

☒ No, it's my personal submission

Supporting your submission

Anyone can make a submission. All submissions will be considered by Council in accordance with our submissions policy before Councillors make a decision.

You can attach supporting documents or extra pages if you need them. Please make sure each page includes your name.

You can also come to speak in person to Council about your submission at public sessions that are known as 'hearings'.

Do you want to speak to Council about your submission at the Long-Term Plan hearings?

(Choose any one option) (Required)

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, please provide your phone number so we can contact you to schedule a hearing time.

*Note: If you want to speak to your submission, please ensure your contact details are accurate. We will be in touch to arrange hearing times.
Hearings are scheduled for 29-30 April and 2-3 May.*

Which age category are you in?

(Choose one option)

☐ 0-14

☐ 15-24

☐ 25-39

☐ 40-64

☒ 65+

☐ Prefer not to say

Note: By providing these details you help us understand who we are hearing from.

The options

Please answer the following questions to help us understand which parts of the proposed plan, rates and policies you support or would like to see changed. You can answer as many or as few questions as you would like.

Please note, all information including any private or sensitive details you provide in your answers to the following questions, may become publicly visible.

Work and funding options for our core services

Each of the core services and their proposed funding options are outlined below. Please let us know what you think.

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.

You can find more details about the options for Environmental Regulation and Protection services on pages 15-27 of our consultation document 'What's the cost to Waitaha/Canterbury?'

We are proposing three options for funding our Environmental Regulation and Protection services. Please indicate which option you prefer. (Choose one option)

- ☐ **Option 1:** Effective Environmental Regulation and Protection services with significant investment towards community funding (\$140.4m in 2024/25, Year 1)
- ☐ **Option 2:** (Council's preferred option) Effective and efficient Environmental Regulation and Protection services with reduced investment towards community funding to manage cost pressures (\$134.9m in 2024/25, Year 1)
- ☐ **Option 3:** Reduced investment for Environmental Regulation and Protection services (\$132.5m in 2024/25, Year 1)
- ☐ None of the above options

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. \$1 million 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.

You can find more details about the targeted rate for Christchurch district biodiversity on page 23 of our consultation document 'What's the cost to Waitaha/Canterbury?'

Do you support this new biodiversity targeted rate? (Choose one option)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

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.

You can find more details about the options for Community Preparedness and Response to Hazards services on pages 29-41 of our consultation document 'What's the cost to Waitaha/Canterbury?'

We are proposing three options for funding our Community Preparedness and Response to Hazards services. Please indicate which option you prefer. (Choose one option)

- ☐ **Option 1:** Effective and efficient Community Preparedness and Response to Hazards services with significant increase in investment. (\$52.4m in 2024/25, Year 1)
- ☒ **Option 2:** (Council's preferred option) Effective Community Preparedness and Response to Hazards services with less additional investment and use of debt funding to manage cost pressures. (\$50.5m in 2024/25, Year 1)
- ☐ **Option 3:** Compromised Community Preparedness and Response to Hazards services through reduced investment in flood and river resilience. (\$47.9m in 2024/25, Year 1)
- ☐ None of the above options

Help reduce flooding and improve health of Carters Creek and Lake Hood!!!

The Carters Creek Catchment Group formed so people living here can improve the health and safety of this creek. The creek starts in springs above Tinwald, flows through Tinwald as a channelized drain, and ends up in Lake Hood. It is managed by Environment Canterbury as a drain (but also has a stormwater contribution from Ashburton District Council) so we need help from both councils to improve it.


More than 30 people have met regularly since April 2023 to come up with a plan to reduce the creek flooding, which will also lessen its impact on Lake Hood. Carters Creek flows into Lake Hood via a canal and its high phosphorous levels encourage algal growth in the lake. The catchment group is excited a flood investigation project has been added to Environment Canterbury's Long Term Plan 2024/2034 being consulted on until **14 April 2024**.

As an Ashburton District resident, you can support the project proceeding by filling out an official submission form. The Catchment Group has provided bullet points below which can be used as a basis. It is not compulsory, but you can choose to talk to your submission at public hearings. This would require you to travel to Environment Canterbury's Christchurch office. Members of the Carters Creek Catchment Group will also speak.

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- I support bringing forward the date of the proposed Carters Creek flood investigation project to start in 2024/2025 financial year instead of 2025/26 to 2028/29 period. Flooding doesn't wait for funding proposals.
 - We want regular maintenance of this drain from Environment Canterbury rather than an ad hoc, irregular schedule.
 - We want flows diverted, reduced or better managed in Carters Creek to prevent flooding affecting adjacent properties and Lake Hood. This means the drain needs to be funded and managed for flood protection, not just drainage.
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 - We want urgent investigation of the wider issues compounding flooding in the catchment and the reasons why flows are no longer manageable
 - We want appropriate management of stormwater coming into the creek by Ashburton District Council, and regular monitoring of this consented activity by Environment Canterbury, so stormwater doesn't contribute to the water quality issues at Lake Hood and flooding of adjacent properties.
 - We want improved water quality within the creek which will require a joined-up approach between Environment Canterbury, Ashburton District Council and the Carters Creek Catchment Group to come up with a collective vision for this waterway in the next ten years.

- Name:

- Signature:

David J West


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?

✓ as attached
Plus.
Change Lake Hood consent to allow Non consumptive
take of 1cm continuous

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This equates to rates of \$7.08 per rate-paying property in Selwyn district in 2024/25 (Year 1).

You can find more details about the proposed targeted rate for Selwyn district for river resilience on page 37 of our consultation document 'What's the cost to Waitaha/Canterbury?'

Do you support a new targeted rate for river resilience in Selwyn? (Choose one option)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Don't know

Tell us more about why you **support / don't support a new targeted rate for river resilience in Selwyn?**

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.

You can find more details about the options for Public Transport services on pages 43-53 of our consultation document 'What's the cost to Waitaha/Canterbury?'

We are proposing three options to fund Public Transport services. Please indicate which option you prefer.
(Choose one option)

☐ **Option 1:** (Council's preferred option) Full investment to our committed work programme of service improvements (\$160.8m in 2024/25, Year 1)

- ☐ **Option 2:** Slower delivery of service improvements (\$158.8m in 2024/25, Year 1)
- ☐ **Option 3:** PT Futures delivery as the only service improvement, removing our ability to respond to changes in the network. (\$155.5m in 2024/25, Year 1)
- ☒ None of the above options

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?

We'd like to hear what you think about the following proposals

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.

You can find more details about our Fees and Charges schedule on page 58 of our consultation document 'What's the cost to Waitaha/Canterbury?'

Do you agree with this new fees and charges proposal? (Choose one option)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

Tell us more about why you support / don't support this approach.

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.

You can find more details about the options for UAGC/UAC on page 58 of our consultation document 'What's the cost to Waitaha/Canterbury?'

Which Uniform Annual General Charge/Uniform Annual Charge (UAGC/UAC) rate increase would you support?
(Choose one option)

☐ (Council's preferred option) 8% of total rates (amounts to \$58.38 in 2024/25, Year 1 of the Long-Term Plan)

☐ 12% of total rates (amounts to \$90.70 in 2024/25, Year 1 of the Long-Term Plan)

☐ Neither of the above options

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?

Strategies and policies

You can find more details about our strategies and policies on page 59 of our consultation document 'What's the cost to Waitaha/Canterbury?'

We'd value your feedback on any of these strategies and policies. Please indicate which one/s you are commenting on. (Choose all that apply)

- ☐ Financial Strategy
- ☐ Revenue and Financing Policy
- ☐ 30-Year Infrastructure Strategy 2024-54
- ☐ Engagement, Significance and Māori Participation Policy

Finally, can you tell us how you saw and/or heard about our Long-Term Plan campaign? (Choose all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Email | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising online |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Letterbox flyer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social media post | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social media content from a group I follow | <input type="checkbox"/> Poster at supermarket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Poster elsewhere
(bakery, shops, community centre) |

Would you like to receive updates on opportunities to provide feedback on future consultations?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Please provide your email address on page 1) | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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Thank you for taking the time to help us make decisions for Waitaha/Canterbury's future.