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Which age category are you in?	25-39

### 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
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We are proposing three options for funding our Environmental Regulation and Protection 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 Environmental Regulation and Protection?	My rates - Christchurch City council and ecan have increased by double digits every year for the last 10 years. I should be receiving 100% better service but that's not the case. My income on average has increased 3% a year including years where my salary was frozen. My family can't sustain further increases. Priority 1 is to cut the Bureaucracy at eCan , let go the rent seekers adding little to no value. Empower common sense decision makers to lead, support volunteer groups and initiatives and streaming eCan Priority 2 - do the above, but double the planned cuts. Elon Musk sacked 85% of Twitter and the platform continued to operate without fail. I bet you \$100 eCan could let go 50% of its staff and no rate payer would know the difference. Priority 3 Te Kaha needs to pay for itself - the business case was so flawed and so biased it's verging on corruption.

### 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?	No
Tell us more about why you support / don't support this biodiversity rate?	Flood and river resilience are already part of the existing budget. I support some additional work but you need to make cuts elsewhere. Of your proposal I guarantee Red tape and bureaucracy will cost \$40m leaving just \$10m for actual value.

### 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	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 Community Preparedness and Response to Hazards?	As per prior question



### 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?	No
Tell us more about why you support / don't support this river rate	As per prior answers

### 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?	Enable more private operators to enter the market and compete. This stimulate competition, innovation and delivery of services the people of Christchurch actually need and want

### 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?	No
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?	A drastic reduction in current consenting costs is needed. Currently fees are exorbitant plus they are exacerbating the wealth in equality and shortage of affordable housing.

### 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?	Neither of the above options
Tell us more about the option you chose. What would you suggest we change or do differently?	As point one. Rate increases for the last decade are far exceeding increases in income of your rate payers. This is actually a joke, you can't spend more than your income base cab support. You need to deliver savings to existing eCan budget.

### Strategies and policies

Question	Answer
We'd value your feedback on any of these strategies and policies	Financial Strategy, Revenue and Financing Policy, Engagement, Significance and Māori Participation Policy
Tell us what you think about the Financial Strategy	You're driving your rate payers into poverty. Start from scratch, first principles / what actual services do we need and what is the most cost effective way to deliver it:
Tell us what you think about the Revenue and Financing Policy	You're driving your rate payers into poverty. Start from scratch, first principles / what actual services do we need and what is the most cost effective way to deliver it:
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	Discriminates against everyone else. Please treat everyone the same, your race and colour of your skin should be irrelevant.

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