

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Response ID | 5608869 |
| Date of Contribution | 30/03/2024 02:25:56 PM |
| First Name | |
| Last Name | |

Your contact details

| | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Email Address | |
| Post Code | |
| Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation, association or community group? | No, it's my personal submission |
| Name of organisation, association or community group | |

Supporting your submission

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

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| You can upload documents to support your submission. Please make sure each page includes your name. The maximum file size is 200MB | See Upload File 1 section. |
| You can upload documents to support your submission. Please make sure each page includes your name. The maximum file size is 200MB | See Upload File 2 section. |
| If you would like to give feedback via a video, add a link to YouTube or Dropbox file below | See Upload File 3 section. |
| If you wish, you can also come to talk 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? | No |
| Please provide your phone number so we can contact you to schedule a hearing time | |
| Which age category are you in? | |

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 | 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? | see letter attached |

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? | see letter attached |

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? | see letter attached |

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 | see letter attached |

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? | see letter attached |

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? | see letter attached |

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 | Neither of the above options |

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

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 | |

Upload File 1.

You can upload documents to support your submission. Please make sure each page includes your name. The maximum file size is 200MB. If Image uploaded, will be shown below, if document it will be saved separately to this PDF.



No Image uploaded

Upload File 2.

You can upload documents to support your submission. Please make sure each page includes your name. The maximum file size is 200MB. If Image uploaded, will be shown below, if document it will be saved separately to this PDF.



No Image uploaded

Upload File 3.

You can upload documents to support your submission. Please make sure each page includes your name. The maximum file size is 200MB. If Image uploaded, will be shown below, if document it will be saved separately to this PDF.



No Image uploaded

Christchurch, 29th March 2024

RE: reply to your leaflet drop into household letterboxes

Dear members at ECAN,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to reply to you.

You ask: "Do you agree with including this in our draft long term plan? (referring to a targeting rate increase so more biodiversity work could take place)

My answer is: "No, I don't agree". I don't agree with any rate increase at this point in time.

Officially, we live in a recession. Let me explain what that means for me:

- I budget very carefully with the money that is available e.g. no eating out in restaurants or cafes, purchase milk at the local dairy where it is cheaper, fish only once a fortnight etc.
- I won't buy items if they exceed a self-imposed price limit e.g. for a new T-shirt not more than \$10
- Some expenses have to wait or be postponed e.g. the fridge needed replacing, therefore the car repair that came up at the same time has to wait

I think you get the idea what living in a recession means for me.

I expect the same thrifty approach to expenditure of my council, especially in a time of recession.

Please sit down and assess areas where you can avoid excessive expenditure, assess the need and urgency of a task and have the courage to impose voluntary self-restrictions.

There is a temptation to waste money if it is not hard earned, as it is the case with rates. Please don't fall into this temptation.

Kind regards