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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
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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?	You are asking me (and all other citizens) to make business decisions without any hint of what these "services" cover and how the costs for each is broken down. There is virtually no difference between 132 million and 140 million if neither amount does the job -- or is done efficiently like a well run business would do. ECAN is far either.

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?	Exact same reason as above. If you want citizens to make informed choices, at a minimum, you need a PIE chart with how costs are spent and an explanation of each category to include why this is a difference in that category whether up or down. This survey is NOT legitimate feedback, but ticking a box of bureaucratic mumbo jumbo.

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?	Same reason as for the previous two 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?	Don't know
Tell us more about why you support / don't support this river rate	same reason. No self respecting business would offer these same kind of airy-fairy vague comments to their shareholders or owners. Unless they wanted to be shown out the door immediately

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?	I run along half dozen of your bus routes during peak period (Barbados Street in St Albans). The average patronage between 7:30 - 9:30 is about 2 per bus, never more than a half dozen. And frequently zero. The only time I ever see busy buses north of the central city is if it is filled with school students and that is never the case in St A. You have the wrong sized buses and nobody wants to ride them anyway...

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?	Don't know
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?	have had no experience with this necessity.

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?	It is already too much; should be half of 8%

Strategies and policies

Question	Answer
We'd value your feedback on any of these strategies and policies	Revenue and Financing Policy
Tell us what you think about the Financial Strategy	
Tell us what you think about the Revenue and Financing Policy	Value for work. Too many staff that are paid too much to sit in offices in the central city. Granted there are dozens of hard working folks at the front lines doing work. What % of the salary budget is due to them versus the office staff (non-technical)? Secondly, where is/ is there a cost efficiency study for the lack of bus patronage? Paying environmental penalties when violations occur. licensing/ controlling cats? -- biggest threat to urban biodiversity. Climate change actions that other countries do with farms, while ECAN is 20 years behind?
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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