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### Your contact details

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| Email Address  |                                 |
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| 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                             |                                 |

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| 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?   | 40-64                      |

### 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.

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| We are proposing three options for funding our Environmental Regulation and Protection services. Please indicate which option you prefer                            | Option 1: Effective Environmental Regulation and Protection services with significant investment towards community funding (\$140.4m 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 Environmental Regulation and Protection? | For too long the success of business has had priority, at the cost of the environment. We are now facing an environmental and biodiversity crisis, that is still not being taken seriously enough by most politicians or businesses, with insufficient action being taken. Unfortunately the public is going to have to start paying more for this. |

### 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  |
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| Do you support this new biodiversity targeted rate?                        | Yes   |
| Tell us more about why you support / don't support this biodiversity rate? | I am happy to contribute to the excellent work being done by community and volunteer groups, and believe ECan should support and encourage and give agency these groups |

### 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   |
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| We are proposing three options for funding our Community Preparedness and Response to Hazards services. Please indicate which option you prefer                            | Option 1: Effective and efficient Community Preparedness and Response to Hazards services with significant increase in investment. (\$52.4m 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? | ECan was the first council in Aotearoa to declare a climate crisis. The climate crisis is real, imediate, and requires bold and unpopular action. I'd like to see a combination of options one and two, I would like to see us exploring using increased business cost recovery and increased debt rather than rates increases for this. |

### 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   |
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| Do you support a new river targeted rate in Selwyn?                | Yes  |
| Tell us more about why you support / don't support this river rate | Targeted rates are good, those that will benefit most pay the most. They will also see where their money goes. |

## 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.

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| We are proposing three options to fund Public Transport services. Please indicate which option you prefer                                    | Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Full investment to our committed work programme of service improvements (\$160.8m 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 Public Transport? | Cheep (preferably free!) regular public transport is vital if we are to reduce our transport carbon emissions. It also has the benefit of being more equitable to the more fiscally disadvantaged of our population. |

## 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                               |
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| Do you agree with this new fees and charges proposal?  | Yes                                  |
| 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? | it seems like a reasonable 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.

| Question  | Answer   |
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| Which Uniform Annual General Charge/Uniform Annual Charge (UAGC/UAC) rate increase would you support? | (Council's preferred option) 8% of total rates (amounts to \$58.38 in 2024/25, Year 1 of the Long-Term Plan) |

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| Tell us more about the option you chose. What would you suggest we change or do differently? | Any generalised increase will affect the lower socioeconomic groups more, so rates should be weighted to those that can pay more do pay more. Also business should pay more |
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Strategies and policies

| Question   | Answer |
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| 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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