

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?: Yes

I am able to attend: Evening

I intend to attend: In-person

Would you like to be added to our database to be notified of future consultations?: Yes

### Your Details

Full Name: Rob Markillie

### Do you agree with our preferred option or do you support another option?

Drinking water meters: Don't install meters

Let us know why: Until there is clarity over the "three waters" plan use "clip on" meters in strategic locations to address the "assumed" 50% water loss. This is an option which bizarrely hasn't been put forward as a proposal. This must cost significantly less than the \$5.17m proposed as the meters only have a limited life span of several years and will then need to be replaced again.

Elderly Persons Housing: Self sustaining in 7 years

Let us know why: Spread the cost over more years to reduce the impact on the elderly. Get your act together so there is no more "Backlog of maintenance"

What do you think about our plans for our other projects and activities?: There are too many inconsistencies in your reporting and Draft plans. The main ones are: Page 14, Covid 19 states, "We have assumed business as usual and have considered rates affordability when preparing our budget forecasts". Yet on page 15 in the following statement on, National Policy Statement (NPS) Freshwater Management, it states, "The NPS will significantly affect the way our district is farmed. There will be a flow on effect to our urban sector if the forecast reduced profits are realised". So this certainly isn't business as usual as stated even if we survived the financial impact of Covid fairly well. Due to this and the increased pressure of increased cost of living in every area I absolutely reject the proposed 14.86% residential and 12.16 Business rate rise. ECan have also proposed a 24.5% Rate rise - this if adopted will be on top of your proposed 14.86%. NO to "Swimming Pool fence inspection" \$174 - We will send in photos to save on ADC travel costs, this will be free to ADC and help meet your Climate Change targets with reduce travel. NO to Building Consent charge increase of \$5/14.9 minutes of travel. Costs need to go down not up in the building sector so look at other options. NO to the current water storage option of \$609 000 - this seems excessive when a 30000 litre tank costs \$3500. Re look at this option to reduce the cost. NO to this large scale Library and Civic Centre project. Pause this into the next 10 year plan to give rate payers "breathing space" This will save us all \$49.8 million. If you need to spend it, spend it on the PAUSED EA Networks Center projects so the entire region benefits.

Before spending \$15.3 Million on more roading repairs and rebuilds, admit the current system of road repairs isn't working, stand back and reassess how this is undertaken to save us all money by throwing it down a (Pot)hole. NO to water meters as stated above. Absolutely NO to dividing the town into Normal and 'Extra Ordinary' properties whilst making the 'Extra Ordinary' properties pay for there water. There should be parity in water usage charges and not discriminatory towards those with slightly larger properties who already pay larger rates. Your quoted 220 litres/person a day usage is below the average for Ashburton taken from the New Zealand Water and Wastes Association of 242 Litre/person/day. Look at Methvens Wastewater calculation - Maximum Connections 1454. Current Connections 1081. 373 left. Building sections for new houses in the new subdivisions and others are over 373 so the system will be over capacity yet there is nothing in the long term plan about increasing the capacity of the system to meet this and future demands. NO to the Methven Transfer Station rebuild - \$1.3 Million, the one we have seems to work just fine. Water is a big topic, but I disagree with your quote on page 2 "Water is a resource that is necessary for our health". I think you will find "Water is a resource that is necessary for Life". Which is why it should be free to all. This Long Term Feed back submission has taken me 3 hours to complete which is why community consultation feedback numbers are so low. Who has that amount of free time? I have taken time off work to complete this.