

<b>Your Details</b>	
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Do you think we should decrease our day-to-day levels of service to reduce the average rate increase? :	No
Why / Why not?:	Really, we don,t need any services to decrease, but stay the same as now 2022. This is the trouble in times of inflation, maintain what we have now as there is no need to add any further services, which only increases total costs. Most residents would be quite happy with the services we have now. Council must always give priority to services we can,t do without, namely, roading and water.
If so, what should we do less of?:	
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Do you agree with using \$1.7 million from our forestry reserve to pay for major roading repairs?:	Yes
Why / why not?:	Roading and water services are by far our most important assets, and are essential to life and trading as we know it. Any development of the roading or water networks is expensive, but essential. It has been very encouraging to see the degree of water network up grades being carried out over recent years. Not all councils have been so active in this area, and now that is why we are being lumbered with this crazy 3 waters legislation from central Government. None of this roading repair work will be as cheap as it is right now, and if left, will only get more expensive. Our district must have good roads, so we can trade on the world stage, so any capiyl that can be found, would be well spent on roading. Besides, it,s not as if its going to be earning much left where it is.
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General comments:	We all note, that Christchurch is about to start construction on its new sports stadium, and that already money is going to become an issue on this project. Listening to many friends on this subject, there is concern that neighbouring councils may be asked to contribute to any shortfall. Any benefit to Ashburton would minimal to the level of capital invested, and could be argued, that they are not being asked to contribute to Ashburtons second bridge, and yet many Christchurch residents will benefit from the bridge, as they travel highway no 1.

