

**Information Session/Workshop - Waipuna Halswell-
Hornby-Riccarton Community Board
NOTES ATTACHMENTS**

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199 Clarence Street, Christchurch

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SUBMISSION TO: Canterbury Regional Council

ON: **Canterbury Regional Council** Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Waipuna Halswell Hornby Riccarton Community Board appreciates the opportunity to make a submission to the Canterbury Regional Council (“Environment Canterbury”) on the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 and values the constructive engagement that has occurred with Council staff to date.

The Board is not speaking on behalf of the Christchurch City Council and the views expressed do not necessarily represent the view of the Council.

The west/south-west area of Christchurch continues to experience significant growth and change. These areas are home to major industrial activity, important freight corridors and growing residential areas. While this growth brings economic opportunity, it also creates challenges relating to public transport access, environmental effects and the management of industrial-residential interfaces.

This submission outlines several key areas where improvements are sought to ensure that the needs of west/south-west Christchurch communities are appropriately reflected in Environment Canterbury’s work programme over the coming year.

The Board wishes to be heard in support of this submission.

2. SUBMISSION

10. Overall, how do you feel about the proposed work for 2026/27? * required*

- Strongly support
- support
- Neither support nor oppose
- opposeX
- Strongly oppose

11. Which aspects of regional council work are you most interested in? (select all that apply)

Public transport X
Resource Management and compliance X
Biodiversity and biosecurity management and protection

Climate change adaptation and mitigation
Flood protection and community resilience
Rates and affordability
Community Funding and partnerships
Other (please specify)

12. What aspects of regional council work for 2026/27 matter most to you, and why?

Resource Management and compliance

The Waipuna Halswell Hornby Riccarton Community Board area plays an important role in Christchurch's business and industrial economy. It supports significant employment and economic activity. The contribution of industry to the city and region is recognised and valued.

Industrial activity in the south-west of Christchurch - including quarrying, waste processing and other heavy industrial operations - continues to expand around Yaldhurst, Templeton and Islington. This growth brings increased heavy vehicle movements, dust, noise and air quality impacts that affect nearby residential communities. Many of these activities and their effects are regulated by resource consents granted by Environment Canterbury.

A key concern of the Board is the cumulative effect of multiple activities occurring across the area. Heavy vehicle routes, for example, are sometimes adjusted to avoid impacts in one location but can unintentionally shift those impacts elsewhere. Diverting quarry traffic away from Templeton residential streets has in some cases resulted in increased truck movements through Hornby urban areas and school environments. This creates not just frustration with residents, but new safety and amenity concerns which have to be mitigated after the fact.

Land Use

Growth pressures in the south-west of Christchurch are continuing to increase, bringing both economic opportunities and new challenges for surrounding communities.

The proposed Marshs Road Industrial Plan Change would introduce additional industrial zoning in the area. Should this proposal proceed, it will further increase the importance of managing the interface between industrial activities and nearby residential areas. Additional private plan changes and industrial development proposals are also likely as demand for industrial land continues to grow.

Without strong coordination between the Council and Environment Canterbury, the cumulative impacts of these changes could place undue pressure on transport networks, environmental quality and affect community wellbeing.

Air Quality

Air quality issues also continue to arise periodically. Air discharge from the Ravensdown fertiliser plant on Main South Road remains an issue for nearby residents from time to time. Community confidence in environmental monitoring has been affected by situations where problems have taken significant time to identify or resolve. For example, odour issues affecting Branston Street took several months to trace to Prime Environmental, although it is noted that the company has since undertaken significant work to mitigate those odour effects, which is appreciated by residents.

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Concern remains, however, about whether Environment Canterbury has sufficient resources available to monitor and enforce air quality issues, particularly those occurring outside normal business hours. The Board understands that air quality monitoring sensors previously operated are no longer used in the belief that odour issues in the area had ceased. Further, it has been suggested by residents that enforcement responses for air quality concerns do not typically occur after hours. Quarry dust and other particulate emissions ~~also~~ continue to be raised by residents as an issue affecting nearby communities.

The Board acknowledges that industrial-residential interfaces are an inevitable feature of south-west Christchurch and does not seek to inhibit industrial activity in the area outright but considers stronger monitoring and earlier identification of environmental effects would improve community confidence and help resolve issues more quickly.

Water

The Board is also concerned that there be regular monitoring of private water wells in the Board area and that prompt action be taken when contaminants above the safe level are found.

Requested changes

The Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board requests that Environment Canterbury:

- Continues working closely with the Council to manage the cumulative environmental impacts of industrial expansion in the south-west of Christchurch.
- Places greater emphasis on assessment of cumulative environmental effects of activities across the Boards area when considering resource consents and industrial activities.
- Investigates the use of continuous electronic ambient air quality monitoring to improve transparency, early detection of issues and community confidence.
- Ensures that sufficient resourcing exists to monitor and respond to air quality and odour complaints, including those arising outside standard business hours.
- Continues work with industry to mitigate quarry dust and other air quality impacts affecting nearby residential communities.
- Allocates sufficient funding to undertake regular monitoring of private water wells in the Waipuna Halswell Hornby Riccarton Community Board area and to take prompt action when contaminants are found a safe level,
Continues co-ordination with neighbouring authorities to manage the ongoing legal and policy issues relating to groundwater allocation and water use in Christchurch City as these may have implications for communities in the west/south-west of Christchurch.

Public Transport

The Board appreciates Environment Canterbury's continued cooperation and engagement regarding the NZTA Hornby Access Project and the Hornby Local Area Plan and looks forward to both projects progressing.

The Board is aware that communities in the Boards area continue to face significant challenges with both public transport access and capacity.

It considers that the Route 5 improvement business case represents an important opportunity to improve service levels in the south-west of Christchurch and it supports this project, noting that current funding constraints will exacerbate existing public transport issues in our community.

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The Board further considers that the lack of public transport service to Matatiki Hornby Centre and Yaldhurst residents should also be addressed as part of the current whole-of-network review. Bus stops were installed along Jarnac Boulevard/ Sir John MacKenzie Drive more than five years ago, yet they remain unused. The Board is aware that residents have previously presented a petition to both Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury requesting that services be introduced. The Board suggests that a low-cost, low-risk option exists to re-route either the Route 125 or Route 130 bus service away from State Highway 1, towards Jarnac Boulevard. This would provide coverage to currently unserved residents and small businesses, without reducing coverage along State Highway 1, which would continue to be served by the remaining existing route. The Board encourages Environment Canterbury to consider this.

The Board considers that there is also an apparent inconsistency in the application of the “Urban Transport: ChCh” targeted rate and points out that some Yaldhurst residents currently pay more than \$300 per year toward public transport despite having no meaningful access to services. By comparison, some residents along Pound Road have access to the Route 86 Darfield service, yet do not contribute to the Christchurch public transport targeted rate. At the same time, improvements to park-and-ride facilities for Selwyn residents are being explored, while some Christchurch residents effectively have to rely on de-facto park-and-ride despite living within the Christchurch metropolitan area due to long-standing coverage gaps.

Requested changes

The Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board requests that Environment Canterbury:

- Continues progressing the Route 5 improvement business case and prioritises service improvements (uplift) for the Hornby–Templeton–Islington area.*
- Investigates a low-cost re-route of Route 125 or Route 130 via Jarnac Boulevard to provide public transport access to Yaldhurst residents.*
- Reviews the areas covered by the “Urban Transport: ChCh” targeted rate, including considering remitting the charge for residents without meaningful access to public transport services if improvements are not delivered within the forthcoming Annual Plan period.*

13. What aspects of regional council work for 2026/27 matter least to you, and why?

The Board values all aspects of work undertaken by Environment Canterbury.

14. Please provide any additional comments

The Board opposes the reduced level of service proposed in the Ecan 2026/7 AP, for example the lack of provision for after-hours air quality monitoring and enforcement.

The Board nevertheless looks forward to continuing to work collaboratively with Environment Canterbury to ensure that industrial growth in the area and its environmental impacts under the purview of Environment Canterbury is managed in a way that supports both economic activity and the wellbeing of local communities.

15. As the regional council begins the next cycle of long-term planning, is there anything you’d like to be considered about the services provided and how they are funded?

In summary, the Community Board seeks:

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- *Continued progress on public transport improvements in the west/south-west, including the Route 5 improvement (uplift) business case and investigation of low-cost, low-risk solutions to provide service to currently unserved Yaldhurst residents.*
- *Greater attention to the cumulative environmental and transport effects of expanding industrial activity across the Boards area.*
- *Improved monitoring and responsiveness to air quality and environmental impacts, including the potential use of continuous/electronic monitoring technologies.*

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2. SUBMISSION

Rates

Do you support the proposed average rates increase of 7.96% across all ratepayers (which is higher than the 5.80% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024-34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.4%?

- Yes
 No
 Don't know

Do you have any comments on the proposed average rates increase?

...The Board considers that the proposed average rates increase of 7.96% across all ratepayers and an average residential rates increase of 7.4% is too high.

The Board is mindful that many of its residents are already experiencing increases in the cost of living in all areas. The Board considers that rates increases at the currently proposed levels will place pressure on many households, noting that in addition to Christchurch City Council rates households are also subject to regional rates levied by Environment Canterbury. The Board therefore seeks to have the level of rates rises contained as much as possible.

General rate business differential

Its proposed to lower the business rates differential from 2022 to 2.00 to keep the overall share of rates paid by business and residential ratepayers consistent despite business property valuations rising more than residential in the 2025 revaluation.

Do you support the proposal to lower the differential paid by business property owners from 2022 to 2.00 to keep the current overall proportion of rates paid by business and residential ratepayers the same?

- Yes
 No

Don't know

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the business rates differential?

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Comments;

Fees and charges

Its proposed to change some fees and charges in the Draft Annual Plan. While some fees will remain unchanged, to help avoid creating barriers for residents, others will be adjusted inline with the rising cost of providing services.

Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to fees and charges?

...The Board considers that it is important in the setting of fees and charges that a balance is obtained to cover the costs of providing a facility or service while making them affordable for residents.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that services should be funded by the service users, as opposed to all ratepayers?

- Strongly agree
 Agree
 Neither agree nor disagree
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree
 Don't know

If Strongly agree or Agree: which services do you think should be funded by charging service users?

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The Climate Resilience Fund

The Draft Annual Plan proposes continuing to fund the Climate Resilience Fund by maintaining the 0.25% rates increase from July 2025 and applying an additional 0.25% increase each year of the Long Term Plan. Alternatively, the planned 0.25% rates increase for 2026/27 could be paused and contributions to the fund resumed from 2027/28.

Which option do you support for the Climate Resilience Fund?

- Continue with the planned 0.25% rates increase in 2026/27, and apply an additional 0.25% each year of the Long Term Plan.
 ~~Pause the planned 0.25% rates increase for 2026/27, resuming contributions from 2027/28.~~
 Don't know

Do you have any comments about the options for the Climate Resilience Fund?

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The Board considers that the recent flooding events on Banks Peninsula demonstrate the importance of continuing to fund the Climate Resilience Fund.

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Contestable community grants

The Draft Annual Plan proposes to provide \$7.12 million in funding for contestable community grants in 2026/27. Alternatively, the amount available in some contestable grant schemes could be reduced by 5%, saving \$356,100 in 2026/27 and lowering the rates increase by 0.04%.

Which option do you support for contestable community grants?

- Provide \$7.12 million in funding for contestable community grants in 2026/27, as planned.
- Reduce the amount available in some contestable grant schemes by 5%, saving \$356,100 in 2026/27 and lowering the rates increase by 0.04%.
- Don't know

Do you have any comments about the options for contestable community grants in 2026/27?

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The Board values the work undertaken by a range of community groups enriching the lives of local people. It considers that the value gained from every dollar provided by way of community grants is immeasurable and recognises that times are hard for these groups with increasingly limited access to funding. At a local level the Board is always prudent in making grants.

The Board urges the Council to provide \$7.12 million in funding for contestable community grants in 2026/27, as planned.

The Environmental Partnership Fund

The Draft Annual Plan proposes to increase the Environmental Partnership Fund by \$300,000. Alternatively, funding at the current \$700,000 per year, we could be retained and rates reduced by 0.04% in 2026/27.

Which option do you support for the Environmental Partnership Fund?

- Proceed with the planned \$300,000 increase to the Environmental Partnership Fund.
- Retain the funding in the Environmental Partnership Fund at the current \$700,000 per year, reducing rates by 0.04% in 2026/27.
- Don't know

Do you have any comments about the option for the Environmental Partnership Fund?

...The Board prefers to retain the funding in the Environmental Partnership Fund at the current \$700,000 per year, reducing rates by 0.04%

Capital programme

Capital spending is the money put towards physical infrastructure projects, such as roading and three waters (drinking water, wastewater, stormwater) improvements, new community facilities like libraries and recreation and sports centres, and upgrades to parks and reserves.

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The Draft Annual Plan proposes investing \$598.9 million in capital projects in 2026/27. It focuses on water, transport, parks, facilities, and climate adaptation, while refining project timing to ensure the programme is realistic, deliverable, and cost-effective.

Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to spending on transport (e.g. roads, footpaths, cycleways)?

The Waipuna Halswell Hornby Board area is experiencing significant residential and commercial growth, with increased traffic volumes, pressure on key intersections and pedestrian infrastructure. The Board regularly hears from residents raising transport concerns. It considers that a coordinated programme of transport upgrades is needed to improve safety, accessibility, and network efficiency, ensuring the transport system supports the needs of current and future residents.

The Board flags that it is likely to seek funding in the Long Term Plan for:

- *Additional funding for improvements in the form of signalisation, to the Amyes Road, Awatea Road and Springs Road Intersections.*
- *Funding for the full signalisation of the Parker Street, Gilberthorpes Road, and Waterloo Road intersection.*
- *Funding to investigate safety improvements including signalisation at the Halswell Junction Road and Nicholls Road intersection.*
- *Funding for signalisation of the Matipo and Maxwell Streets Intersection*
- *Prioritisation of the Dunbars Road renewal project*
- *Funding for traffic flow optimisation projects across the Riccarton Ward, including improved signal coordination, intersection upgrades, and safe pedestrian connections.*
- *Funding for safe pedestrian connections in Hornby and Halswell for example missing footpaths along Cashmere Road and Main South Road.*

In the meantime the Board considers that it is important that the Capital programme include sufficient funds to allow for possible interim measures to be taken to improve road safety in the Board area as and when required.

The Board requests that additional focus be placed on local cycleway facilities to improve travel within local areas rather than on Major Cycle Routes.

The Board welcomes co-operation between the Council and other agencies where possible to keep the costs of projects at reasonable levels.

Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to spending on three waters (e.g. drinking water, wastewater, stormwater)?

The Board congratulates the Council on its retention of inhouse management of water services.

Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to spending on parks?

...No comment

Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to spending in other areas of the capital programme?

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The Board considers that more of the capital programme needs to be attributed to growth related projects but considers that more of the funding for these projects could be derived from development contributions.

Potential disposal of Council-owned properties

It is proposed to sell a small number of properties that no longer serve their original purpose. Any properties confirmed as surplus would be sold through transparent, market-value processes in line with the Council policy.

Do you support the Council selling these properties?

- Yes
- In part
- No
- Don't know X

Do you have any comments about selling these properties? Or are there any you'd like the Council to retain and if so, why?

...As none of the properties identified for disposal are in the Board area it has no comment on the proposed sales.

Restoring our iconic buildings

What are your views on investing in the restoration of four 'iconic' buildings – Christ Church Cathedral, Canterbury Museum, Canterbury Provincial Chambers and Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre. The estimated total funding gap between the estimated restoration costs and the funds committed from all sources is around \$290 million. Closing this gap would require funding from multiple sources, including central government. Any contribution the Council makes would also have an impact on rates increases.

How important is completing the restoration of these four heritage buildings to Christchurch's future?

- Critical – these are essential to our city's identity and economy
- Important – worth pursuing if funding can be secured X
- Somewhat important – would add value, but only after higher priority projects
- Not very important – may have some benefit, but is unlikely to significantly influence the city's future
- Not important – other priorities matter more
- Don't know

Do you have any comments about the Council investing in the restoration of these buildings?

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Anything else?

Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about the direction of the Draft Annual Plan or our proposed changes to spending in 2026/27?

The Board supports proposed grants to the Air Force Museum and the Ōtautahi Christchurch Organics Processing Facility.

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... The Board appreciates the difficulty that the Council faces in setting a budget that meets the needs of the city and its residents while keeping rates at a reasonable level and acknowledges the efforts of staff and Councillors in preparation of the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27.

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