

Comments

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Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation? No, I'm submitting as an individual

Are you willing to tell us more about yourself? No

Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities? Yes

Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with? Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives

It is important that we hear what you would like to keep in the plan, what you think should be removed, and anything that you think we have missed?

I support Option 1. I congratulate Environment Canterbury for being bold, stepping outside its comfort zone and proposing a significant rate increase to get the job done.

I feel that recent changes to the Public Transport System are detrimental to those who are visually challenged and am disappointed that there appears to have been no prior consultation before the changes were implemented.

Proposed changes in the PT network for the Selwyn region are not bold enough. Selwyn is the fastest or second fastest growing region in New Zealand and Ecan is missing to bus (so to speak) by not enhancing the provision of PT in Selwyn to match the population growth.

The two zone fare in Selwyn to Christchurch (and indeed Lincoln to Prebbleton) is a significant impediment to PT users and usage in Selwyn. Implement a one fare zone and increase the PT targeted rate to fund this.

BTW the format of the online consultation document is terrible.
It made it very hard to read on a computer screen.

Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:

Water and Land Yes

Biodiversity and Biosecurity Yes

Climate Change and Community Resilience Yes

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Yes

Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on):

- . Climate Change and Community Resilience
- . Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development
- . Regional and Strategic Leadership

Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio comments:

I support the provision for a contestable fund to support work by community groups for local environmental projects.

I support the provision to increase the capacity to deliver the Enviroschools programme to the 40+ schools on the waiting list, as well as enhance the wider environmental education programmes.

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

Public Transport:

An enhanced public transport system is vital for reducing emissions.
However recent changes have not enhanced my experience with the current service.

The Teal coloured buses are a disaster for me as a visually disabled person. I can identify a "Yellow" bus at 4 times further than a Teal bus, I can identify a "Yellow" bus at 8 times further than I can read the digital route board on a Teal bus.

This makes identifying and catching a Selwyn bound bus on Main South Road or Riccarton Road significantly harder than it was before. This is a significant disincentive for using the bus service.

The fare zones need urgent rationalisation. Many Selwyn residents tell me that the two zone charge from Lincoln or Rolleston to Christchurch discourages them from taking the bus.

When weighing up the travel time and fare charged they prefer their private vehicle. An urgent reduction in fares to a single zone for (at least eastern) Selwyn residents traveling to and from Christchurch would significantly increase patronage. This should be funded by increasing the Selwyn PT targeted rate.

The MyWay by Metro trial in Timaru should be continued and consideration be given also to trialing this in Rolleston.

Bus route planning should be improved.

If bus routes in new large subdivisions do not occur as the subdivision is developed that we, Ecan and community, are missing the opportunity to encourage new residents to use buses.

Introducing bus routes 5 - 10 years after subdivision development is simply too late. Residents have habituated themselves into car use and are much harder to pry out of their cars and back onto public transport.

WE NEED A MINDSHIFT IN HOW AND WHEN WE IMPLEMENT NEW BUS ROUTES.

(Yes capitals for emphasis. 8})

The point at which students, secondary and tertiary, pay the adult PT fare needs to be reviewed and raised. At the very point in their lives that we need to be encouraging our youth to use public transport we double the fare - literally driving many of our youth out of PT into older more polluting less fuel efficient cars.

Consideration should be seriously given to allowing students in full time study (or the equivalent) up to the age of, say, 25 to access the youth fare for PT use.

THE REVIEW OF FARES IS OVERDUE.

Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio comments:

I commend the role Environment Canterbury takes in regional leadership. t
As the regional council Ecan performs a value role in coordinating and leading regional forums and committees with our Territorial Local Authorities (TLAs).

TLAs often are focused on their own role and lack the greater vision that Ecan can bring to discussion and debate.

Ecan performs a vital role in ensuring the largest TLA doesn't dominate and bully its smaller neighbours to the detriment of regional collaboration.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household? Option 1 is affordable

Any further comments on affordability for your household?

We would happily pay more for improved PT services.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community? Don't know

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

The level of rate increases for large rural properties is challenging for them.
However they are often the beneficiaries of Ecan's services and regulations and therefore should pay their share.

Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges? Yes

Any further comments on Uniform Annual General Charges?

Support the increases proposed in Option 1

Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates? Yes

Any further comments on the use of borrowing for operating expenditure?

Borrowing to offset year 1 increases need to be deliberate, targeted and short term. The borrowing should be paid off on/before the next LTP period.

It shouldn't be used in future years.

One shouldn't fund the groceries from ones long term borrowing.

Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy? Yes

Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below: Selwyn district

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Kaikoura

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Hurunui

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waimakariri

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Christchurch

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Selwyn

- . On-demand public transport services
- . Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality
- . Other initiative/s (please specify)

Other initiative/s (please specify) Selwyn

Single PT fare zone with Christchurch City.

Put bus routes into subdivisions much early to capture new residents as they arrive, not years later.

Consider adding more river rating areas for the upper reaches in Selwyn.

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Ashburton

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Mackenzie

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Timaru

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waimate

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waitaki

Any further comments?

I am available to speak to my submission on April 27 and May 4.
April 27 is my preference.

Do you wish to speak to your submission? Yes

We may use your phone number to contact you to arrange attendance at a hearing. This information will be kept private.

Phone number

Would you like to be kept up-to-date with the outcome of this consultation? Yes

How did you find out about giving feedback?

- . Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- . Environment Canterbury website
- . Meeting, hui or event

Your information is held and administered by Environment Canterbury in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and Environment Canterbury's Privacy Policy.

There is personal information/contact details in my submission I do not want disclosed: Yes

Tell us which information you do not want disclosed: my email address