

From: Environment Canterbury
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To: Have your Say
Subject: Submission on draft Annual Plan 2022/23

Anonymous User just submitted 'Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 submission' with the responses below.

First name

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Last name

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Email address

Suburb

Avonhead, Christchurch

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

No, I'm submitting as an individual

Which age category are you in?

25-39 years old

Do you wish to speak to your submission at a Council hearing?

No

Which bus fare structure option would you like to see trialled?

Option 1 (preferred): Fare-free for under 25s, students, Total Mobility and Community Services card holders

Tell us more about why you support the selected bus fare option.

Option 1 will do the most good for the people who need it: - Our emissions from transport are a huge contributor to climate change, this will get more people out of cars and into public transport. - The lack of affordable transport options affects health, education, employment, social life, and wellbeing. We don't want people to have to choose between food and education/healthcare. - Low-income households can spend 28% of their income on transport, this means they will have less to spend on healthy food/housing. This is also why I support option 1 applying to community services card holders. - Similarly I support total mobility card holders being covered by this option. Even though I will not benefit from this fare change, I still support increasing rates to pay for it. The benefits to others and the climate are so great.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Ideally we would have free bus fares for everyone so that public transport is the preferred option for people, to have an even greater benefit to the environment.

Is borrowing and repaying through general rates the right approach for this regionally significant event?

Don't know

Which option for distribution of rates in Ashburton River rating district do you support?

Option 1 (preferred): Redistribute rates in the Ashburton River rating district.

Any other comments on flood protection in Ashburton?

It is reasonable for those that live in riskier areas to pay more for the protection they benefit from.

Would you support a levy to accelerate action in response to climate change?

Yes

What current or future projects or activities would you like to see funded by such a levy?

- Free and improved public transport for all (including electrification) - Support for active transport - Protection and restoration of wetlands, forests, and coastlines - Reign in agricultural emissions (shift to regenerative farming and destocking of cattle) - Tree planting - Climate change adaptation (flood and fire protection, food resilience) - Energy efficiency improvements - Renewable energy generation

Any other comments on future funding for responding to climate change?

We need to do everything we can to mitigate the impacts of climate change. Everything else we do needs to consider climate change impacts.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email
Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
