

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.

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Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

No, I'm submitting as an individual

Which age category are you in?

40-64 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.

Everything to support a shift from individual private transport to collective public transport

Any other comments on bus fares?

What would a "choose your own fare" program look like, from free to a substantial amount? A person could self choose ("load") the amount that is deducted from their card each time they scan.

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

Don't know

How else might we pay for our share of this work?

Perhaps see Q14

How do you think recovery from flooding of this scale – events that impact state highways, bridges, rail and power for example – should be funded in the future?

Like all topics of this nature, in practice there is an appropriate level of responsibility, whether it be local, regional, or national. So firstly, which level does the specific situation sit at? If it is town infrastructure, then then town has responsibility. If it is inter-regional, then the national government

may have responsibility. Secondly, there is the question whether the responsible entity at that level has the revenue generation and/or the expense control to be able to fiscally pay for it; if it doesn't, then that is a structural problem that will have to be addressed. Don't put off working through these issues. A national government that asks a regional government, say, to take on debt to do work the regional government is deemed responsible for, is creating debt dependency which will likely never be resolved, it is a race to the bottom. Instead, better appraise the economic realities and work together to move from a financial deficit situation to a balance or surplus. The national government would be prudent to look at this from their level and their relationships with global entities too (as well as those of our larger enterprises), as a similar imbalance will likely be found there that will need to be resolved for long-term thriving of our whole country.

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

I don't have a preference

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

No

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

See Q14, the same ideas apply here. We have plenty of work that we can do as a region to move towards resiliency, the most important dimensions being social, cultural, and environmental wellbeing. At present however, we have economic thinking, processes, models, etc. which aren't fit for purpose and must be addressed in response to our current reality; we are getting plenty of feedback that our reality is one of degradation and in need of much attention, so how can more attention be given to it, and how can we do the work here that is ours to do, without being constrained by external entities? Remember, if our human activities are degrading our land, air, and water, then we are terminal; it is irrelevant what the net financial surplus/deficit is; if regenerating our land, air, and water creates financial deficit then that tells us to change/renege our financial system and structures as it clearly isn't serving us, it does not tell us we can't do the regenerating work!

Any other comments on Environment Canterbury's draft Annual Plan or other matters?

The planning process of local and regional governments is unwieldily and pretty tough for folks to meaningfully participate in. I would love movement of ECan and other such entities towards being place-based facilitators of participation (of which so much work is needed by so many different people to bring resilience and thriving into a possibility) rather than of siloed governance, control, and disconnection (from people and planet). I for one have decades of experience and honed capabilities to

contribute to the work of our region, please accept my offer of support and engage with me through generative dialogue to start moving on the structural change required to enable the possibility of thriving. I'll be disappointed if ECan doesn't. And there are many more experienced and more capable people than me right here to do the same with.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email

Word of mouth
