

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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Spreydon, 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.

1: We are in a human-caused climate catastrophe and transport is our second-largest contributor to our absurdly high emissions (#1 in Chch). Young people are the future would-be drivers, so normalising bus use for that age group is vital to showing the future adults that there is an alternative to NZs car-obsessed culture. 2: The people who stand to benefit are those who are most at risk from rising prices, inequality, climate change. The savings for low income families would be in the thousands. 3: A fare, regardless of whether it's 50c or \$10, is still a barrier to use. 4: Rates increases are necessary to undo the harms caused by the last 40 years of underinvestment in public services. Pull the band-aid off. If rates are increasing, then increase them enough to make a meaningful difference rather than tinkering around the edges.

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

Yes

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?

Yes

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

Managed retreat, wetland habitat restoration, free (and frequent!) public transport, assistance for quicker transition to regenerative agriculture

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email
