

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.

The advantages to people in terms of social, mental, and physical well being are substantial, but more, it will benefit the city by reducing energy and carbon use - substantially reducing the need to purchase carbon credits - which does not appear to be included in your calculations.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Pay bus drivers better - a happy bus driver that engages with the passengers ensures more users!

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

No

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

Improved planning - floods are only likely to increase in number and severity. We need to mitigate the effects long term, not find short term fixes.

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?

Change the thinking from recovery to preparation: rather prepare for floods and accept that they happen, plan for them to happen but with minimal damage to infrastructure through better planning and preparation.

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?

Crossing the rivers post the flood, much of the problem seemed to be wood detritus swept down from higher up the rivers. In other words, logging sites and then not clearing the sites lead to blocking bridges and thus to the wide spread flooding. We need to ensure that forestry and logging are well monitored to ensure that sites are cleared. This is a country wide problem that needs addressing.

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?

If change is managed, energy use reduced and sustainability actions used, then costs will reduce and productivity will increase - thus negating the need to increase rates. We need to support energy and carbon decreases both internally at ECAN and across all users in Canterbury. In other words support targeted programs to aid rate payers to understand what actions they can take that will result in measurable reductions in energy and carbon use. Like: have a dedicated paper collection service for your business, install inexpensive lighting controls, actively support the change to LED lighting, etc etc. And encourage measurement of carbon footprint for all ratepayers, have an annual update as part of a rates report.

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

Reduce the number of dairy farms in Canterbury - and be brave - set a maximum number of cows permitted on the land in Canterbury - so cows/m2! Stop overloading pasture with artificial nitrates and fertilisers to grow grass for too many animals.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email
