

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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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?

Yes

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.

I am a rate payer who cares about climate change and social justice. I am also a Total Mobility card holder myself and have two school aged children. This would make buses more accessible for us in our day to day activities but more than that, I think it is an important step towards changing the social norm. I am constantly bombarded by reminders that our society is based around individual car ownership and driving. From public spaces dominated by car parks, to being told to wait in the car at the GP, to being asked to show a drivers license as ID, the message is that driving a car is normal and essential. This both marginalises those who can't or don't drive, and encourages drivers to continue. For the environment and for an inclusive community, I think increasing bus access and levels of use is a fantastic step in the right direction. I therefore support Option 1.

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?

I would like to see projects that support community and society level behaviour change to reduce emissions. This may include research into the barriers people face currently as well as opportunities to adopt new practices and habits.

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

Research shows education and information do not drive behaviour change. Social norms, influencers, removal of barriers, incentives and public/accountable pledges/commitment to action do. Therefore

cheap and efficient communications not costly campaigns are essential to support actions that will actually change behaviour.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Word of mouth
