

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?

Yes, I'm submitting on behalf of an organisation

Which organisation are you submitting on behalf of?

Disability Advisory Group - CCC

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.

We support option 1 because it has the most positive impact for the disability community. One in 4 people identify with having some kind of impairment. Added to this 60 - 70 per of disabled people are unemployed and rely on a fixed low income of the Supported Living Payment. Having free fares for this group will produce many benefits Including 1) Enable people to have a little more disposable income 2) Reduce any social isolation experienced by many disabled people. 3) Reduce the pressure on the Total Mobility Scheme.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Having free fares will increase demand for the wheelchair spaces on the bus. Certain bus routes may need to increase in frequency and/or new buses added to the network with additional wheelchair spaces. This is a good problem to have! but will take some careful consideration to ensure demand is met. Also for those with Total Mobility Cards it is important that they still have the option to take taxis. This may be due to going somewhere new and not knowing exactly where it is but once there be confident to return on the bus. Or someone who is unable to use the bus today because of high anxiety, which may not be as bad on some days. Driver training will also be important along with the expectations that requests for lowering the bus will always be met

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

Please feel free to contact me should you require any clarification

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Meeting or event

Word of mouth

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
