

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?

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.

I support this bus fare option as it encourages more people to use public transport and therefore reduces vehicle emissions. It also gives people on lower incomes a much needed boost, as there is much inequity in NZ, which is a huge cause for concern. I also think our benefit rates are still too low, so anything we can do to ease the burden of people on benefits and low incomes is absolutely essential. I am more than willing to pay higher rates if I know it is helping people who are struggling to get by. I am also a social worker and see the need of people on lower incomes daily. It breaks my heart how hard some people are working just to secure a roof over their heads and 3 meals a day for their children.

Any other comments on bus fares?

I think as petrol prices rise an efficient and low cost public transport system is essential.

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

Yes

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

It would be good if there were some sort of climate crisis fund that could be accessed.

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?

By a climate crisis fund that the government and councils add to each year. By taxing emissions more effectively especially agricultural emissions which account for 40% of our greenhouse emissions, however are not taxed accordingly through the Emissions Trading Scheme etc.

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.

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?

changing all council vehicles/buses to electric or biofuel. Reducing the amount of intensive dairying in Canterbury. Improving the water quality and reducing nitrate run-off. Mandating planting out and fencing off of riparian strips along waterways to protect from stock and soak up nitrates and phosphate run-off. Partnering with Ngai Tahu in all climate mitigation projects. Increasing the amount of bike corridors along busy highways and biking lanes in the city and suburbs to make biking more appealing. Transitioning parts of the CBD to car free areas. Looking into alternative transport like light rail. Promoting a circular economy and a reuse and repair system.

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

This is beyond urgent now. The latest IPCC report into the Climate Crisis is very sobering and it feels like we have our heads in the sand.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Word of mouth
