

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.

Look, the fares are high and a disincentive to anyone to take the bus. With the focus on climate change and emissions reduction, a dearth of free parking and costs of parking available, fuel costs, with a week's unlimited bus use within Zone 1 for 1 adult coming in at \$26.50, Zone 1+2 \$38.50 and Zone 1+2+3 \$47.00. That includes for any adult. Beneficiaries, those who can't, won't or don't want to drive, pay parking, and may have the time to use to wait on buses, and disabled patrons. The bus service, which is, for me, very very good in metropolitan Christchurch needs to make itself an attractive option. \$6.00 on the buses or \$8.00 on fuel and parking, well, the differential is not enticing. \$0.00 and \$8.00 fuel and parking becomes a real alternative. Beneficiaries, those that don't drive, the disabled and students both young and matured, already do it hard. A bit of relief, for either having to or choosing to, help with reduction in traffic congestion, air pollution, and general consumer demand for vehicles and fuel, should be acknowledged and rewarded.

Any other comments on bus fares?

If I had my way the fares would be free, or at least minimal, for all and sundry, all the time. I believe free public transport should be in the purview and focus of any responsible and caring council. It a hope. It is wish. It will be such a saving for me, who uses a bus at least 6 times a week and also a invaluable community building exercise.

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?

Luxury tax/toll on those that still insist o use a personal vehicle into the CBD? A toll for vehicles that don't car pool when they can?

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?

This I don't have a vested interest in. I live in the suburbs and am affected by city public transport.

Which option for distribution of rates in Ashburton River rating district do you support?

I don't have a preference

Any other comments on flood protection in Ashburton?

I do believe the flooding is in the main from debris washed into rivers and waterways left over from logging and forestry work. A bit more policing of forestry practices and management?

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?

Free or subsidised bus and other mass public transport.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

News article
