

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.

Is more equitable as it targets those with lower incomes. It reduces emissions the most of all the options (and we are in the midst of a climate crisis). It hopefully will reduce the number of cars on the roads.

Any other comments on bus fares?

A slight concern about the impact of buses on cyclists. They can be quite frightening (I cycle for transport about 90% of the time and buses are a worry sometimes).

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

Yes

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?

In proportion to the benefit in an ideal world. However, I strongly support looking at alternatives to repairing, replacing, and reinforcing stop banks and planting willows. Recognize, where practical, the natural braid plains and their flood function, looking for alternatives such as buying and leasing for extensive grazing that can be flooded without undo losses or demands for ratepayers to protect these areas from flooding, etc. Braided rivers are dynamic systems and need room to move and flood.

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 feel uneasy about this one. Is the emergency flood repair being borne by current river rating districts or just the maintenance. Has an analysis been done looking at the proportion of costs. Why just this one river rating district? Is this a particular focus on one local councilor, or is it a region-wide issue and this is the only location for this issue?

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?

Nature-based solutions for both adaptation and mitigation including all aspects: policy, awareness, engagement, and action. Implement the most evidence based policies.

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

It really seems like a 'pay now, or pay more later' situation. Borrowing seems like a reasonable option to consider. From Bernard Hickey 'bond investors are desperate for more bonds'. 'The Stern report into climate change used a 1.4% discount rate...' I personally would support borrowing now to invest in a better future if it was money well spent. <https://thekaka.substack.com/p/an-intergenerational-wellbeing-crime?s=r>

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

Thanks for offering this format and for ensuring staff know it is ok to submit in their ratepayer/ citizen roles.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email
