

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?

15– 24 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.

Young people will gain independence and will be less reliant on their parents to drive them to places if the bus is free. However our bus system as it is sucks. People will not take the bus because it is more inconvenient than driving. In most instances I have found that it is fast to bicycle than to take the bus for distances up to 13 km. This is unacceptable. There needs to be priority bus lanes and give buses priority at lights. So when the bus rolls up to the lights it turns green for them. As soon a person has to take multiple buses they are less likely to take the bus at all. The orbiter is a fantastic route but it would be better if we had more routes that went between neighborhoods.

Any other comments on bus fares?

It is unacceptable that there is a race to the bottom of cost for who gets the bus contract. It is great that the fleet is turning electric but it is not good when you reduce services because the drivers are not paid enough. If we treat bus drivers better they will provide better service so more people will want to use the bus. Perhaps instead of reducing fares use the money to incentivize a better service.

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

Yes

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

I don't have a preference

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?

Bicycle infrastructure needs to be funded. I would love to see a safe way, bicycle or bus, for every student to get to school with out their parents dropping them off in a car. The largest school in the south island, Burnside High School, does not have safe ways for students to get to it by bicycle and yet many still do. I've ridden down memorial ave it is not fun. If young people can get around by bike they will delay in getting a car, they will see cycling as a normal way to get around and will use cars less in the long run. Separated bicycle paths or invisible bicycle infrastructure (see Worcester street) are needed to get students to school by bike. Bicycle infrastructure shouldn't be only in cities either. Funding for farmers to diversify there farms from dairy to dairy + something else (oats etc) to reduce the amount of livestock.

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

Something needs to be done with the red zone. It has so much potential to be a nature paradise.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Postcard
