

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.

Bussing is incredibly expensive currently; if I want to visit friends in Rolleston a round trip for me and my partner is around \$20! That's just not a feasible cost for a full time University student, and because of that it means that I am simply unable to see a lot of my friends regularly (which ends up having repercussions on mental health). Having free fares for under 25s is also a great idea because it means that young people will get used to using the bus, leading to greater revenue when those under 25s become older and continue to bus. Christchurch also has a traffic problem (and of course pollution), so having this free bussing option will encourage students and young people to get off the road. Even reduced fares won't actually do a huge amount IMO as students are still desperate to save money and driving, even with the price of gas, feels cheaper 99% of the time and is more convenient. However if free busses are available, uni students will be far more likely to take that option.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Having free bus fares will increase the number of people who bus, so there will need to be more busses, especially at peak hours for young people (eg just before and after school hours).

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

Don't know

Would you support a levy to accelerate action in response to climate change?

Don't know

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

It depends how much the levy is and, more importantly, who it affects. If it targets everyone equally (regardless of income or environmental impact) I think that's unfair; it should almost exclusively target those with more income and/or who live environmentally unfriendly lifestyles (eg large lawns).

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
