

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Tuesday, 15 March 2022 1:49 pm
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 2: \$2 flat fare for adults and \$1.20 for children across bus zones 1, 2 and 3

Tell us more about why you support the selected bus fare option.

User pays, why should I be paying for a service that I don't overly utilise? Option 2 is fair across the board.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Who's paying for the balance - don't increase my rates! Live within your means...

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

No

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

Mitigate the risks in the first place. If there are known flood areas, why has this not been protected prior to May 2021??? Why should my rates go up to pay for flood protection when, 1) it does not affect me as I was smart enough not to purchase my home in a flood zone and two flooding in the same areas have continued post May 2021. The Council is reactive, not proactive and should be listening to Risk and Emergency Management professionals. It is time that the Council took a proactive look at itself and stopped opening up low cost land in known/potential flood areas and placing new home owners into the directed line of a known/potential future flood event. Not clever, not responsible and certainly not mitigation.

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?

Again, action mitigations to assist the scale of future flooding to be reduced or diverted. Build bridges, rail and power higher above rivers. Think logically, mitigation moving forward and don't build in flood prone areas from now onwards.

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?

This should really be only for those who live in Ashburton/Ashburton area. On saying that, does the council envisage that the river rating district will expand over time? Why would you redistribute rates if those who chose to live wisely, outside the flood zone, be charged for something that will not affect their home? But of course if it does affect roading infrastructure, it does affect all, but is this really a rates option?

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

No

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

Get off the climate scaremongering bandwagon!!! Weather changes, it is cyclic and we are having no or fewer solar flares at present, and they will increase again as the sun is also cyclic in its activity. I am all for living more responsibly and should not have to pay more for the privilege of critical thinking and actioning.

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

How about we start or enhance the cleaning up of the rivers, streams and waterways. Start with the basics, start back at the beginning of an issue not miles down the track where you have missed the point... More education may be needed via Emergency Management professionals across Canterbury and probably across New Zealand what steps residents can do for themselves to assist mitigating flooding in their communities and on their properties whether they are owners or renters. Because

society matters and the more educated people are on these matters the better. Educate residents in flood prone areas how they can be more ready and teach them how to use and and preserve sandbags for future use. I am tired of watching sandbags being filled when the waters are already well rising and it is literally too late for sandbags. I am not a sandbag expert, proactive mitigation, education and stop selling flood prone areas - you are just asking for problems and disgruntled voters down the track!

Where did you hear about the consultation?

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