

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Monday, 14 March 2022 4:03 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.

First name

Cassandra

Last name

Cole

Email address

Suburb

Diamond Harbour, Diamond Harbour

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

No, I'm submitting as an individual

Which age category are you in?

25-39 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.

The residents of Diamond Harbour and the surrounding bays are frequently left off the councils plan and miss out of benefits the rest of Christchurch receives simply because we're easily forgotten. Option 2 actually benefits my community. Many elderly folk in Diamond Harbour feel cut off and isolated as driving into the city gets beyond their capabilities (roading issues are a significant factor), and have to rely on the generosity of strangers or volunteers simply to get them to the city to shop once a fortnight. The current exorbitant price of the ferry (and the bus drivers frequent refusal to accept passengers tickets from the ferry and forcing them to buy a second ticket just for the bus) makes the whole rigmarole too much for our most vulnerable. As there are plans to install a more accessible jetty at Diamond Harbour the fares should also become more accessible. We are an environment conscious community and are aware of the harm driving into town does for our planet, however, with expensive bus fares, and unmaintained buses, taking public transport is hardly an appealing prospect. Reducing the ferry fare will also contribute to more people traveling to Diamond harbour and support in our local businesses. Please listen to the communities you represent for once and don't just pick the plan you've already decided you like, as you have done so often in the past.

Any other comments on bus fares?

If they're going to be expensive at least maintain the buses properly.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
