

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Sunday, 13 March 2022 9:30 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.

Patronage is currently miserable. From the options presented, a \$2 flat fare has the biggest potential to attract the most users across all age groups.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Make buses free of charge for inner city use. Charge for travel to/from satellites like Lincoln and Rolleston.

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

Yes

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

I am not a finance expert, sorry.

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?

Well, if we were to apply the polluter-pays principle then both the owners of unnecessarily large cars, dairy farmers and other large-scale CO2 emitters would need to take more responsibility. As this is not likely to happen any time soon, general rates is probably the only reasonable way at the moment. I would suggest to keep investing into climate-friendly transport. Also, facilitate managed retreat from areas that experience repeated devastation of infrastructure, e.g. Franz Joseph (Waiau) and other areas on the West Coast, areas where housing has been built too close to water bodies, or near coast lines.

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?

Continued investment in climate friendly transport: more and better bike lanes, more frequent (and ideally free of charge) buses within CBD limits; electric buses. Investment in regenerative energy: For example, subsidies for home owners who are planning to go solar. School projects to better educate kids on global carbon cycle, nutrition, etc. Support for organisations who already advocate and educate for action against climate change, such as CWEA.

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

This is probably unpopular with some people, but it is an incredibly urgent issue. The main pathway for change is through education and changing the mindset of people so they care more about our planet and their children's future.

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

Good luck :)

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Postcard
