

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Sunday, 13 March 2022 10:37 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

Sarah

Last name

Dunkley

Email address

Suburb

Diamond Harbour, Diamond Harbour

Phone number

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?

Yes

Which bus fare structure option would you like to see trialled?

I don't have a preference

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

These options as they stand are discriminatory against people that live in Diamond Harbour. Considering I am a ratepayer and therefore pay for the privilege of using council facilities in my rates, the fact that I'm unable to travel into Christchurch to use most of them even after these options come into play at a reasonable price is unfair to the people who live in Diamond Harbour. Therefore I would support option 1 or 2, but only if they apply to the Diamond Harbour ferry at the same rates as the busses. Even if you make it so that the reduced ferry rates only apply to people who live in Diamond Harbour, that would be fine. My family is in the group that would receive free bus travel in option 1, but the fact it doesn't apply to the Diamond Harbour ferry means that we would be worse off because our rates would increase but we wouldn't benefit from the free fares. Therefore, if the Diamond Harbour exclusion has to be applied to option 1, I would prefer option 2 but with fares on the Diamond Harbour ferry reduced to match the new reduced price of the busses. As it is, we cannot afford to travel into town regularly, which is very frustrating when I wish to use all of the wonderful facilities that Christchurch has to offer. And it would save us money on groceries being able to travel into town more often too. But the fact these proposed changes are going to cost us even more money by choosing us more in rates for a service we cannot often afford to use is ludicrous.

Any other comments on bus fares?

There needs to be a cheaper price on the Diamond Harbour ferry for all residents of Diamond Harbour, whatever option is chosen. It is very expensive living in Diamond Harbour, so it would be useful to have a reduction in the cost of living here. For example groceries and takeaways are far more expensive here than in Christchurch. And when we get items delivered we need to pay rural delivery costs. Therefore being able to travel to Christchurch more often would reduce the cost of living for Diamond Harbour residents so that it isn't so much above that of people living in the city.

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

Don't know

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?

Don't know

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
