

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?

65+ 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.

This option has maximum chance of increasing passenger numbers as it will attract younger people and hopefully get them into the habit. It is vital that we discourage car use because of the need to mitigate and adapt to climate disruption - the greatest issue facing humanity (hmm - except perhaps for Putin and nuclear Armageddon!). I do not believe that even private evs for all is a solution (too much resource use for batteries, car bodies etc., too much energy use that will be needed for other purposes, too much congestion etc.). In the short term, it is absolutely vital to get people out of fossil-fueled cars. Rate payers in general should pay for actions to mitigate the effects of climate disruption as in doing so they would reduce future costs by limiting the degree of disruption. These costs would be huge if there was inadequate mitigation of climate disruption. Pay now, benefit later.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Option 1 plus flat fare for over 25s as in option 2 would be best overall if possible.

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?

See 14 below

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?

By central government following a reform of taxation to a much more progressive system that asks for more from the wealthy and less from the poorest people, e.g. tax on capital gains at the same level as tax on other forms of income, a wealth tax, an inheritance tax...and may be others?!!

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?

We need an intensive education / information campaign to inform people about the perils and possibilities of climate disruption. Society is just not responding rapidly enough. We need people to be "on side" and committed to change in their lives that will be essential if we are to avoid disaster. ECAN should aim to maximise employment for people in actions that mitigate climate disruption. We desperately need such jobs to replace those in greenhouse gas-generating industries. A shift away from dairying to horticulture is one obvious area. A much larger public transport sector is another.

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

It needs to be made clear that the necessary societal changes will need to be funded but that this will save us in the long term. The greater the proportion of ECAN's income that can be devoted to mitigation of climate disruption the better. If more funding is needed then society in general needs to pay - civilisation costs - but this should be in an equitable fashion with those who can afford more paying more and those who cannot afford anything being supported.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email
