

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Wednesday, 9 March 2022 7:39 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

Holly

Last name

Martin

Email address

Suburb

Burwood, Christchurch

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

No, I'm submitting as an individual

Which age category are you in?

15– 24 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.

Initially I wanted to choose the second option but I think free fares is worth a trial first to encourage people to bus more frequently so we can reduce emissions. Since covid began I have been traveling less due to anxiety and fears about transmission within a small space, and because I can't drive it has severely limited my ability to go out and get around as usual. As a young person I'm reluctant to get my license (despite the many advantages of driving) for a variety of reasons, but the most important one is probably the welfare of the environment. I enjoy public transport but believe it could be improved. Free fares, or fare reduction at least would be more incentive to continue bussing. Any improvements that can be made to our public transport system should be, I don't feel currently there is enough to encourage drivers to begin bussing instead. Given the increasing fuel costs at the moment cutting fares may help push people in that direction. Sometimes the cost of bussing (especially frequently) doesn't seem that much cheaper than driving.

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

Yes

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Other (please specify) - Metroinfo
