

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?

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 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.

An increase in public transport as a habitual use case for under 25s would help to increase overall public transport use in future, hopefully leading to need for an expanded public transport network that includes trains.

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?

Sadly, as this entirely foreseeable event shows, without access to prepared funds for a use case like this, a model of borrowing against rates is correct in this case. However, it is clear that events like this are likely to continue to occur in the region and as such a recovery fund should be setup for such rainy days to cover some of the costs. Damages to flood protection infrastructure comes as a result of the infrastructure being insufficient to deal with the severity of the flood. With climate change leading to an increase in probable flood damages, so too should the infrastructure be improved beyond current probable flooding models, which would lead to less damages and cost overall.

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?

A mixed central/regional government funding model as used in this case is ideal, however both parties should look to increase resilience as part of these repairs to reduce future costs incurred by damages.

Which option for distribution of rates in Ashburton River rating district do you support?

Option 1 (preferred): Redistribute rates in the Ashburton River rating district.

Any other comments on flood protection in Ashburton?

Those businesses and livelihoods benefiting from the protections should pay an outsized proportion in-line with the risk they would otherwise incur from flooding damages they are protected from.

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?

Further access to diversified public transport options in the greater region, such as passenger rail, helping to lower long distance passenger travel by car. An increase in reforestation of large sections of Banks Peninsula. Forested areas near river banks extended further. New growth forests on otherwise unproductive land. A scheme to incentivise the leaving of parcels of land in wills to be left to the public for use as reforestation or other carbon traps.

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

WHERE ARE THE GODDAMN TRAINS!!!!

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
News article
