

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Wednesday, 9 March 2022 8:19 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

George

Last name

Buchanan

Email address

Suburb

Huntsbury, Christchurch

Phone number

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.

I think it should be fare free for everyone and this is step in that direction

Any other comments on bus fares?

Should be 'free' for everyone! (I mean sure, it's still paid for indirectly through rates, I guess)

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?

When an increase is made to general rates to cover a particular event like this, the rates should go back down when the loan is paid off. But they won't - hence I'd support a one-off additional surcharge on rates where it's clear this is something extra and special. Might make it more palatable as well.

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?

Given that we've been ignoring climate change for the last how many decades probably just with increased rates and a general lower standard of living for all! Would be nice if central government could offer insurance.

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

I don't have a preference

Any other comments on flood protection in Ashburton?

N/A

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?

There are so many ways to cut carbon emissions but it seems all the impactful ones are "too hard". - Fewer people (e.g. not supporting endless population increase) - Less intensive (animal) farming - Meaningful changes to avoid the 'everyone needs a car' mentality

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

There seems to be little political will to make a change regardless of funding.

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

I'm extremely cynical anyone will make the changes required to minimise or mitigate climate change, because politically the decisions would lead to a reduction in quality of life. Of course, by ignoring it we'll make it worse for the future but nobody cares outside of next election!

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
