

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.

First name

Yona

Last name

Millican

Email address

Suburb

Riccarton, Christchurch

Phone number

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?

Yes

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

Option 3: Tertiary student concession

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

Comparing the Christchurch bus system to other cities in New Zealand, our city council has done such a wonderful job and I, among many people are grateful for how things currently are. However, as a university student things often get quite tough financially as most of our money goes to rent and bills. Driving a car with the current fuel price is no longer an option for us and driving every day as a singular person to university and back simply isn't good for the environment either. Buses are the best the option both financially for students, and for the health of the environment. A tertiary student concession or lowering the bus fare for students to pay the same amount as children at \$1.50 would still add up to about 15-25 in travel costs for a student each week (which leaves \$25 for food for the week for me personally) - but would be much more affordable for students overall, compared to the current price of adult fares. I think that a tertiary student concession would encourage students to bus more regularly, or even make bussing their sole way to get to university and back during the week. This would be great for the environment and many struggling students like myself. It could also potentially help reduce traffic in dense city areas like Riccarton seeing as a bus full of students saves a multitude of cars having to be on the roads.

Any other comments on bus fares?

If not a student concession, but a special tertiary student fare which allows 1 free trip during the day after an initial boarding, so that students are able to attend university for the day and get home after full time lectures and study/lab work using the same ticket. There are so many options that could be explored.

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

Don't know

How else might we pay for our share of this work?

To be honest I'm not qualified to answer this as it isn't my area of expertise.

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?

I'm not sure, I don't know enough about the plan to give a decisive answer, I'm sorry.

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

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

I'm not sure what's being proposed and I am not currently in a position to personally contribute to that until I start working, so I'm probably not the right target group to ask in terms of how I feel/what I think about the topic. I think it's a good idea, but I'm on the fence.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
