

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 2: \$2 flat fare for adults and \$1.20 for children across bus zones 1, 2 and 3

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

A free access does not incentivise users to look at alternatives like bicycles or walking or sharing cars etc . Using buses has a public good effect and for that reason a full fare is not recommended .

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?

It is yes and No. I dont want to see flood protection work endlessly funded by rate payers . It behooves those who are greatest at risk to have a greater burden of the cost rather than burdening those rate payers who have wisely chosen to not locate in high risk areas. In not locating in these areas they have undoubtedly paid more for their accommodation and we need people to consider the full costs of accommodation before making a choice that could potentially burden others . We also need the insurance sector to price their risk for floods etc into their premiums so that we deter stupid decisions that impose costs on others .

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?

If its going to cost large amounts of money to provide bridges etc then why not make provision for a payments system for users . Its done everywhere in the world and is a means or recovering the costs from those that receive the benefits . Why on earth should an elderly lady in CHCH have to pay through rates for a bridge that she will never use.?

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.

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?

Climate change is caused by human co2 emissions. Either we fund the reduction of emissions or the storage of carbon. Personally i would fund carbon storage and let the emitters pay so that their rising costs reduce the demand for their products which in turn will reduce their emissions from falling supply.

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

Central Govt has a role here . NZ being one of the top 10 percapita emitters in the world needs to do something and do it fast so we meet our Kyoto obligations. Many Councils have pine plantations that are a magnificent incoming asset for the region. Given the urgency of reducing emissions we need to look immediately at planting pine trees (fastest growing storers of carbon) . Yes there are people looking at natives but that option now is going to be too slow to save this planet from catastrophic climate change damage. Nzders need to exercise their brains here for at the moment they are beginning to look like simpletons

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

There is a desperate need for the promotion of a green environment. NZ with a population of 5 million has less than 20% of the land in trees. Japan has a 70% coverage. Sydney has not mandated that a tree needs to be planted at every new residence in the city. We should do the same and also prevent the indiscriminate felling of trees which is reducing the environment to a landscape of grazing animals. Farmers should be prevented from felling trees for pivot irrigators for dairy herds. This unsustainable farming is going to make the water undrinkable , the streams unswimable, and the image of NZ unenviable.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email
