

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Tuesday, 8 March 2022 11:25 am
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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Huntsbury, Christchurch

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

No, I'm submitting as an individual

Which age category are you in?

40-64 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 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 will do the most to encourage more people to use public transport, however I'm concerned that it doesn't do anything for those over 25. I also think there are cleverer tricks available- see my comment to question 11.

Any other comments on bus fares?

When you travel by car, if you add more people to the car the cost doesn't increase. However this is not true of bus travel – it costs twice as much for two people to travel by bus as one person. I think you should create a household fare structure, where you can register several metrocards to a household and those metrocards would have a common balance (making it easier to top up) and, most importantly, a common daily and weekly maximum. This should be set the same as or very close to the daily and weekly maximums for an individual, so that households are encouraged to have more people travel by bus. I would mean, for example, that if one adult commuted by bus Monday-Friday, the whole family could travel for free at weekends.

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?

Targeted rate on those properties most susceptible to flooding

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?

Paying for regionally significant infrastructure it makes sense to fund out of general rates. However local defences and work should be funded from targeted rate on susceptible properties

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?

Yes

What current or future projects or activities would you like to see funded by such a levy?

Faster roll out of electric buses. Electric ferry for Lyttelton/Diamond Harbour with much better facilities for carrying many more bikes. Bike shuttle bus for the Lyttelton tunnel. Significant expansion of cycleways. Speed limit reductions and street beautification on local roads, particularly around schools. Native planting on Port Hills. Increase in use of solar panels on council buildings, schools etc. Increased provision of EV charging facilities.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email
