

From: Environment Canterbury
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To: Have your Say
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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?

15– 24 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.

As a student, we have very low to zero income. We also have to pay quite a lot of money to stay in Ōtautahi if we are not from here (including uni fees). I like to get involved in community work, such as conservation volunteering, so I preferably would like to take the bus to these community events. However, I currently have to pay around \$4.40 one way to get to a place, and then the same returning. This money really adds up, and makes me less likely to take the bus and go to these community events, which I am giving up my time for (which I love doing). Furthermore, I do have a bike, and I love biking to places, however as a long distance runner, I get very tired having to bike places and then also do my training. Which is why I support bus fare option 1. Also if it is free to use as a student, then once they are older than 25, they will know the ins and outs of how to use the system, so will probably be more likely to use it as an older adult. Meaning they would hopefully be less likely to purchase a car.

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?

I am not actually from ChCh. The flood are probably due to this city use to being a wetland and not enough plants to absorb all the water? So maybe pay for it by having community events in restoration planting around the areas most affected, in order to solve the root of the problem. Not sure, that's how I would do it, but I think rates is an acceptable way of funding it.

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 think just getting to the root of the problem, so that the likelihood of major flooding is minimised. I don't think there is a good way for this to be funded without having ratepayers to pay for it. Rates continue to rise for the community and they have to continue to take the load off the impacts from these natural disasters. It is not sustainable to having to keep asking for money. Hence why I think we need to get to the root of the problem, and really have less concrete and more plants. Specifically natives (to help bring the Tui back at the same time) and plants that can absorb a lot of water. Then you can tackle two problems at the same time.

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?

I can't really comment on the distribution rates, as I don't know this community and don't know enough about the floods.

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?

Planting more native plants and not building so many concrete paths etc. Also supporting the growth of urban farms (advantages include all of the SDGS, so mental wellbeing, minimises waste through transport and composting waste, local employment in the environment sector). More support for schools in starting and the progress of environmental initiatives. My school last year had such poor support in our enviro group despite us being very passionate. We need teachers support, and support in where to start, education, leadership courses for youth, and money for equipment. I also think that there needs to be someone in each school who is like a climate change coordinator. Such as at the UC community garden- Waiutuutu garden. Schools need a coordinator who is paid because it is SO hard for students to have to do everything and continue it even after they have left. If we teach in schools, this should continue into their homes and community. Individuals have such a big impact, as shown in the IPCC. SO please listen, because passionate school students about protecting our environment are struggling! This levy could include a paid positions in schools to be a coordinator for environmental education and action, while letting students take the lead as well to get leadership experience.

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

Use it for action and not waste it (sorry if that's harsh)! But too much money is wasted!

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email
