

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?

40-64 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.

People on low incomes are tight for cash on a good day, and often have no money at all on a bad day. By removing fares, you are enabling them to travel to what might be essential appointments that give them a sense of place in the wider community. Students are studying and may not be able to work around their study, but still have to get to their provider - e.g. University of Canterbury/Lincoln, or CPIT, or school. This makes that possible. Senior citizens might be retired, but they are still part of the community and have as much right to be mobile as anyone else. Their pensions might not permit travel, so as with the students, this makes travel possible.

Any other comments on bus fares?

A shame this was not considered sooner.

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

Yes

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

It is hard to tell the frequency of such events because there is not a long enough human record of them happening. However, for events that are so extreme, that you would not normally expect one in ones lifetime, it is okay to ask the government for assistance. How you determine that, though, I accept there might be a problem.

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?

Climate change will likely increase the severity of such events as well as perhaps the frequency. A long term works programme might be the only solution to assess the flood capacity of existing rivers and try to appropriately deal with them. BUT... Can we STOP the practice of allowing farming development of active riverbed. Immediately? If it floods more frequently than 1/100 years, it is active riverbed. Kinda like building a house on a fault line. Don't.

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.

Any other comments on flood protection in Ashburton?

Waka Kotahi should be approached for support in getting technical assessments on both the road and rail bridges vulnerability to failure done as a priority, with a view to doing strengthening/buttressing work if needed.

Would you support a levy to accelerate action in response to climate change?

Don't know

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

Whilst I largely support your work in this A.P., I think you can improve your bus services by reinstating the #15 route to Bishopdale; developing a link out to West Melton. Many of the people living in Bishopdale are senior citizens for whom driving might not be an option. In addition, I would support a trial run on the existing railway network of an hourly train to Kaiapoi and Rangiora and another to Rolleston. They can start at the railway station: Station >> Belfast >> Kaiapoi >> Rangiora/reverse; Station >> Hornby >> Templeton >> Rolleston/reverse; I'd add a wagon modified to take bikes and designate the cabin closest to the bike wagon for riders only. A free or flat fee shuttle to/from the station can take those who are not biking to the C.B.D.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
Environment Canterbury website
