

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Monday, 7 March 2022 4:02 pm
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

David

Last name

Smitham

Email address

Suburb

Makikihi, Waimate

Phone number

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?

I don't have a preference

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

I do not have a bus to catch.

Any other comments on bus fares?

none.

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?

Cut your costs to match your current income.

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?

State Highways: by the government. Power ;lines by the power companies. Railway lines etc by the NZ Railways/Kiwirail etc not by local councils.

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?

Is diverting the course of the river a more viable option than building new roads & bridges in Ashburton?

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

No

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

It will happen whether or not we pay for "remedial action".

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

Oh yes!!! I would like a 24.1% pay rise please. Where on earth do you lot live? How much of a pay rise do you receive from this proposed hike? Where do ratepayers receive the extra 24.1% of income from to help pay for your outlandish WANT? If you want a 24.1% increase of funds to spend, then reduce your expenses by a similar amount. You managed without a 24.1% rise this current year, so you can manage without it for another year. You (local/regional governments) believe that by consulting Joe Public that we will agree to your indecent rates hikes. You have the automatic power to raise rates - literally at the expense of the ratepayers. No one seems to realise that RATEPAYERS suffer, least of all Environment Canterbury. Yes, it is better to do something as opposed to doing nothing, which is why I am writing to you now. I suggest that: 1) you sell assets (if you have any) to raise funds, 2) you reduce staff to help pay for the exorbitant and obscene proposed 24.1% rates increase, 3) reduce staff salaries and wages by 24.1% - this will make them think seriously about working for such a wasteful organisation as yours, 4) reduce your expenditure to match current income, 5) THINK about the current household financial situation. THINK being the operative word, not WANT. Yes, of course I am happy about the 24.1% proposed rates increase. I'll let you into a secret: I, and many other poor long suffering ratepayers of yours, will be much happier for a balanced (i.e. 0.00%) budget, not one wanting an additional 24.1% to meet your needs.

If you would like to give feedback via video, add a link to YouTube clip or Dropbox file below

none

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email
