

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 3: Tertiary student concession

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

Option 3 will encourage Tertiary students to get in the habit of using buses, which will make them more likely to keep using buses later in life, so is a good idea.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Anything completely free will be abused because people then perceive that it has no value. So Option 1 is naïve. We'll have couriers hiring under 25's and using buses to deliver packages etc. We'll probably also have an increase in damage in the buses themselves. A flat fee across the whole network will encourage urban sprawl - why not live in Rangiora or Rolleston when you can bus into the city for the same price? So option 2 works against other government and council objectives.

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?

Targeted rates would be better. If you want to encourage good behaviour (building in areas less prone to flooding), then if rates are higher in flood prone areas, it will help people make the right decisions. Because this is an incident that has already happened, it is highly likely that a mixed approach will be best - some general rates, and some targeted rates because it is a significant amount of money to come up with quickly, and these things should be broadcast well ahead of time so that people can plan.

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?

Public infrastructure that benefits everyone, should be paid by everyone. By central government taxes ideally. Only when the central government refuses, should ratepayers pay. Roads, bridges, power infrastructure etc are all used by tourists and any NZers travelling around the country.

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 don't live there - its for them to decide. Why can't I avoid answering this question?

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?

This is a very odd question. Taxes and levies should not be put in place "just in case". They should be put in place either: 1) when an adverse event has happened, and there are costs to fixing it, or 2) a specific imminent threat is identified that has a clear path to resolution (e.g. a river needs a flood bank to be built because more houses have been built, or will be built, in that at-risk area). Not for some general concern with no specifically identified risks with specific resolutions specified in advance i.e. "climate change is 'bad' and we need to do 'something'". We don't want general slush-funds that will just be wasted.

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

I'm rather surprised that there are only 3 questions. Surely Environment Canterbury will be doing more than those 3 things in the next year that they should also be getting community feedback on???

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Word of mouth
