

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.

First name

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Last name

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Suburb

Templeton, Christchurch

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 2: \$2 flat fare for adults and \$1.20 for children across bus zones 1, 2 and 3

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

Just because a person is over 25, not a student, or otherwise not eligible for free bus rides as proposed in option 1, does not always mean they can afford it. Bus fares are quite expensive for adults, and keeping in mind the inflation the country is going through right now, along with the housing crisis, many might not have access to a car and have to travel through several zones, only rising the price of their fare. Option 1 is basically making bus travel free for one half of the commuting population, and then doubling the cost of it for the other half. In order to make a difference to the climate through the transport industry, you have to make public transport not only more appealing to people, but cheaper. If it costs the same to bus as it does to travel by car, who would choose to bus? I believe option 2 is a much better option because the rate is completely fixed, other than the difference between children and adults. This means that regardless of where in the city you need to get to, the journey will always cost the same. \$2 is a much more reasonable price than the fare currently is, and easier to provide in coins for those who may need to as well. It would make the system so much more straightforward, and doesn't discriminate. Even if no one gets free rides, the cost of using the bus will be halved for many adults. Concessions could still be made for pensioners or low-income earners, however.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Has the idea of a monthly subscription system been discussed? They do this in a lot of European countries, where you have access to the bus based on a monthly (or weekly, fortnightly) payment.

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

Don't know

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?

Some kind of fund from the government for climate change related events/emergencies - I haven't given much thought to this but going into a time where events like this will only become more frequent there

should be a system in place to provide recovery and relief to areas affected by weather events that have been caused by the changing climate.

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

Yes

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Other (please specify) - The metro website
