

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

Spreydon, Christchurch

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 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.

I think bus fares should be lower in order to attract more users. I used buses as my main form of transport for about 18 months while I didn't have a car. Compared to using a car, it was more expensive and travel took 2-3 times as long. I think fare-free for under 25's would fill buses with bored children, and make bus travel even less enjoyable. A tertiary concession is great, but lower fares overall are required.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Your household examples are self-serving and I believe represent a relatively small proportion of Canterbury people. Here's my "example": I live alone in a house which I've recently been able to afford. I chose to be single, but have to live with singles-tax as most bills, including rates, are the same regardless of how many people live in a house. I bike to work to save money. I'd get almost no benefit from any of these options, but for 2 of the options my rates would go up. I think the same would apply to the majority of Canterbury households.

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?

Re-prioritise current budget spending. If events like this become more common, repaying borrowing will become unaffordable.

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?

National infrastructure should be centrally funded.

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?

Those receiving the benefit should pay a little more, although the burden should still be spread.

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

Yes

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email
