

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Thursday, 3 March 2022 2:20 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

Jayden

Last name

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Email address

Suburb

Shirley, Christchurch

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

No, I'm submitting as an individual

Which age category are you in?

25-39 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.

While ideally free fares for under 25s, students, and CSC holders would be a good option - my understanding is that these groups are already more likely to use the bus network than over 25s and those without disabilities/people who commute to work every day. If we are to make an impact on the use of private vehicles, there needs to be an incentive for everyone to make a switch to the bus, not just making it more attractive to certain demographics - climate change affects everyone. Option 2 provides a fare reduction and is therefore attractive for everyone and, and the single zone will be attractive to everyone living in Selwyn/Waimakariri (paying a significantly lower fare) - who arguably would be contributing more to climate change in their commute than someone who lives in the existing Zone 1. Other non-car modes are more challenging for those living further away (e.g. much further to bicycle or scooter), so using the bus is the only realistic alternative to driving a vehicle. Option 2 also provides a discount to under 25s, students, and CSC holders as well - perhaps not as much as Option 1, but it's still something. Perhaps Option 1 could be looked at down the track if uptake in bus use and therefore revenue is increased under Option 2. Option 3 is essentially the status quo and not an appropriate option in my opinion.

Any other comments on bus fares?

I think if fares are targeted, I would like to see an off-peak/weekend fare reduction as well to encourage people to use the bus outside peak hours and on the weekend when they might otherwise drive.

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

Don't know

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

n/a

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?

n/a

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?

n/a

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

Yes

What current or future projects or activities would you like to see funded by such a levy?

Commuter rail. It's abhorrent that Canterbury, as a reasonably flat region, does not have commuter rail while Wellington and Auckland do. I don't know how the council can say it's taking climate change seriously when commuter rail is deliberated over for such long periods and then ultimately dropped. More buses are great and such, but they are bound by the same issues as cars with regards to traffic and roading conditions and cannot be a long term strategy in our rapidly growing region. Levies should be targeted to homes/businesses that are not actively working towards climate change reduction.

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

As above

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

Next time you seek feedback, you should unbundle the topics - I had no interest in answering questions about flood management.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email

Other (please specify) - Email from Metro
