

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Thursday, 3 March 2022 2:25 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

Norman

Last name

Smart

Email address

Suburb

Rolleston, Rolleston

Phone number

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 want lower (or zero) bus fares for everyone because I see so many empty busses, and running empty busses isn't any good for traffic levels or for the environment. You could improve the situation by redesigning the routes and using smaller vehicles on some routes at some times, but it's easier to try making it cheaper for everyone to use. Dropping fares for pensioners and students is a start, but you want everyone to use busses, so you must try to reach those of us who just can't be bothered to use the system because it's cheaper and easier to take a car!

Any other comments on bus fares?

No Answer

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?

Flood protection which protects properties should largely be covered by those individuals or communities who want protection. Expecting ratepayers in general to cover the costs of those who wanted a nice river-view property is not reasonable.

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?

Good question. Infrastructure should be a shared cost where the benefit is shared so Infrastructure could be general rates. I don't know what the options are.

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?

See previous comments - it's reasonable to share infrastructure costs across Canterbury (not just Ashburton) where the benefit is widespread (for example costs relating to SH1) but general flood protection for Ashburton River should fall on those who chose to live there. Caveat emptor.

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?

No idea - I'll leave that to people who study these things.

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

No.

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

No

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email
