

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Thursday, 3 March 2022 4:12 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

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Last name

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Suburb

Ferrymead, Christchurch

Phone number

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.

Option 2 makes the most sense to me. If your goal is to encourage more people to use the bus to get around by making fewer car trips and carpooling, it would make sense to target the people who are not currently using the bus or carpooling - the 25+ group who are commuting to and from work. In the 2021 Transport survey, 57% of the survey respondents traveled to work by car at least once a week, and 81% traveled to work by themselves. It is a group that is not benefited, or incentivized to make fewer car trips by Options 1 and 3. Whilst Free stuff is great, under-18s certainly are not driving by themselves to school alone, most bus/walk/cycle already or will be dropped off by their parents who will likely be commuting to work (effectively already carpooling). And given the direct, and express, bus routes to Ara's and Canterbury University's campuses (and their terrible long-term parking options), there is already a strong incentive for the tertiary students to choose alternative forms of transportation. If your goal is to reward your current customers, option 1 indeed makes sense as they are who you are reaching currently, however, if you want a wider reach to reduce the number of cars on the road, you need to incentivise everyone.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Also I wanted to add, I think saying "Option 1 (Preferred)" in the question asked kind of biases the results a little bit. You are not presenting three neutral options for consideration.

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

Don't know

Which option for distribution of rates in Ashburton River rating district do you support?

I don't have a preference

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?

More energy-efficient fleet of busses.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email
