

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Thursday, 3 March 2022 4:16 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

Jade

Last name

Arnold

Email address

Suburb

Southbridge, Southbridge

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.

having a flat fare will be easier for both travellers on the bus and for the bus companies to manage, and the rate is much lower than i would pay currently. My hope is that this will result in more people using the bus. I don't mind paying more in my rates for bus services to be available. The current level of bus availability in my area is unacceptable. There is only one bus per day into Christchurch (and two from Lincoln to Southbridge in the afternoon). The bus runs at very inconvenient times for elderly people, families with children and part time workers. The bus does not run on weekends or holidays so it is hard for families/young people to use it to its full potential. More times and availability will result in more bus use, especially as cost of petrol/car ownership, and congestion/stress increases. Ideally hourly busses during peak times and 2 hourly busses outside of peak time (in both travel directions) would help more people choose this option.

Any other comments on bus fares?

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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?

I don't know enough about this. It would seem right that either everyone pays a little/proportionate contribution towards this cost. Since flood protections are geographically bound this might be weighted toward the more at risk, but the whole region suffers in a flood so some of the cost could also be spread over all. Some consideration should be given to penalising/apportioning cost to enterprises that knowingly damage/remove or compromises the protections that have been engineered.

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?

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

Don't know

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

Climate change is not the only environmental challenge that requires more funding. Arguably waste disposal contributes to climate change through gaseous emissions. I don't see how we are likely to get improvement on waste disposal if this continues to be a tendered arrangement. Treating waste streams as potentially 'profit making' means that the companies managing waste neglect large problem areas because they are not profitable. E.g. up to 1/6th of plastic waste is being trashed in landfill because waste companies can not redesign their process to include/sort plastic bottle lids. We must be very careful how spending/funding is managed to avoid these types of consumer/capitalist conflicts. Some services should not be grouped with capitalist ventures and regarded as services to the community and opportunities for problem solving rather than money making.

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

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Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email
