

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.

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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 1 (preferred): Fare-free for under 25s, students, Total Mobility and Community Services card holders

Tell us more about why you support the selected bus fare option.

It is about time total mobility was considered as often they are only reliant on pay to use transport options and this can restrict how far they can go.

Any other comments on bus fares?

I would like to see Super Gold Card holders to be totally free. Often these people have to pay because hospital appointments etc do not meet the 9 - 3 current criteria.

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?

The end user is consistently hit by taking it from the rates, these cannot keep increasing. Maybe public transport should be exempt for these and the council should not have to keep increasing this. Govt may need to consider this when allocating money to these sectors and funding.

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?

These should of had contingency funds in place for years before events occurred. Govt needs to look at how it allocates funds more fairly and consider how public transport can be viable in the future without increasing costs and councils having to keep raising rates.

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?

No

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

I think NZ and a lot of the world is too focused on electric vehicles as a solution and are not looking at the bigger picture about recycling batteries and the mining of lithium that anything we do is just wasting money. (my opinion)

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

I don't think the bus fare is the real issue, it is the bus routes that are too limited and until that is fixed people will not change. I have just brought a car to travel into the city as it is a 20 minute walk to catch the nearest bus. I even have a bus stop at my gate, but it doesn't go to the city and catching two buses takes too long and very rarely do they connect with another bus. These also involve going completely in the opposite direction away from the city to get to a connection point. Since the earthquakes and the bus routes were changed to suit that the bus service has been unfriendly and useless. Submissions don't make any changes that make a difference. I think you are on the wrong focus. I would rather pay and have a reliable efficient friendly and accessible service. Paying for parking is a better option now as I have waited nearly six years since returning to the city and have submitted so many times but see no change. It would take a lot now to convince me to go back to using the bus.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email
