

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.

First name

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Last name

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Email address

Suburb

Avonhead, Christchurch

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

No, I'm submitting as an individual

Which age category are you in?

15– 24 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.

As someone who has been a student and is now a community services card holder on the supported living benefit, option one would be life changing for people with low income. Transport is a large, regular cost, and as rent and food and other essentials are steadily increasing while the benefit rates have not increased to match, free transport would help a lot with balancing the budget. I would spend the money saved on medical bills.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Having separate child and adult fares is good, and the cap on the number of fares anyone pays per day and per week is excellent. A slightly longer transfer window would be ideal, as I generally have to get on the bus about an hour before my appointments, and after a one hour appointment the transfer window has just run out. Many others are likely in a similar situation, and it is frustrating paying a second fare mere minutes after the window closes.

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

Yes

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

Asking for funding from eCan or the central government, so diverting money from taxes instead of rates.

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?

As the impacts of climate change will continue to increase, likely causing more frequent flooding and other events, it is important to put money aside ahead of time. Potentially a tax or levy on emissions to

large polluters, such as manufacturing facilities and corporations, or other targeted funding would be ideal. As rates disproportionately cost individuals, while they are not responsible for as much per Capita pollution as corporations, a targeted fundraising scheme would be ideal.

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?

It is important, but I do not know enough about the proposed rates redistribution to comment on whether it is a fair change.

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?

Green energy generation, switching public facilities and the city grid to mainly being powered by renewable energy, biogas capture and harnessing for energy at landfills, wastewater treatments plants and other biogas generating facilities, more electric vehicle charging stations, climate and conservation education for all ages, regeneration of native plantings, more frequent public transit covering more routes.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Word of mouth
