

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?

15– 24 years old

Do you wish to speak to your submission at a Council hearing?

Yes

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.

We're in a climate crisis, and this option will have the largest positive environmental impact on our transport in Canterbury. We know that price sensitive groups are most likely to change their behavior, and that young people are the group to target if we want to create lifelong public transport habits. This is supported by research and by what students, low income, disabled and young people have told you. It's great to see this as your preferred option and I am excited to see this positive change in our region.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Bus patronage has been slowly falling in the Canterbury region. When you talk to people about this, some mention fares and some mention route and frequency. In reality, this is a chicken and egg situation. They're interlinked and we have to start somewhere to boost patronage and create lifelong habits. This is an exciting start to that and one I am very glad to see ECan taking!

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?

A resiliency fund built up over time from rates would be great. Ideally, central government would help more but that's hard to action.

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?

Community driven projects Projects that are supported by scientific research Waterway habitat restoration Regeneration of native bush including a fund to aid farmers in planting, creating native shelterbelts and protecting streams etc Encouraging farmers to use biocontrol rather than broad application of pesticides where possible Initiatives to encourage transport mode shift Initiatives that include partnership with ngāi tahu

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

I don't know much about the research, but it really seems like we need to spend money now or things will only be worse in future. I really hope that recreation of native habitat is included

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

Great to see ECan proposing to take some ambitious steps for positive change

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Word of mouth
