

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?

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 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.

I think enabling young people, disabled people and people on a low income or the benefit to take the bus without worrying about whether they can afford it would help the overall well-being of those groups of people. I myself am a beneficiary because I am unable to work, and sometimes it's a real struggle to be able to afford the \$10 minimum to top up my metro card, and the cash fare is far too expensive for me to even consider unless it's an emergency. Getting around a city the size of Christchurch can be a pain even for people with their own transport, so removing the barrier of cost from accessing public transport in our city for those who need it the most would be incredibly beneficial for the city as a whole. When the young people and the disadvantaged are able to travel freely whenever they need to, their mental health would be greatly improved - I know mine certainly would be.

Any other comments on bus fares?

I think the current cash fares are very steep, especially when you compare them to what it costs to use a metro card instead. I understand that part of the reason for this is to encourage folks to use a card, but I feel this actively punishes those who choose not to for whatever reason. The fact that the card itself costs \$10 without any credit on it must be a huge barrier to entry for some more disadvantaged and low-income people. If you want to continue to keep the cash fares at what they are, I would suggest making the metro card itself much cheaper, or ideally, free.

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

Don't know

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

Taxes on non-hybrid, non-EV vehicles.

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?

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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?

I don't know enough about this topic to comment, but whatever is best for the people who pay the rates would be my first and only choice. Government should always look after its people first.

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?

I would like to see some more of Christchurch CBD streets closed to cars and trucks (with potentially an exception for delivery vehicles and couriers so businesses can continue to operate) with a greater emphasis put on cycling, electric scooters and foot traffic.

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

I think the city should invest in solar panels across the city to reduce the reliance on other forms of energy. I think all local government vehicles should be switched to hybrid vehicles at least but preferably EVs.

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

It is great to see more and more electric buses around lately, and I would be very keen to see that number increasing until they are all electric.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email
