

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Thursday, 3 March 2022 5:46 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

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Last name

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Suburb

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Phone number

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?

I don't have a preference

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

All of these options are ridiculous. The council is wasting tax payer money. People not being able to afford the bus simply isn't why they don't use it. Would take me 90mins to get to work on the bus or I can drive to work in 25mins. Make it so it doesn't add over 2 hours onto my day to get to work and I'd consider using the bus system. I'd pay 3x the current fares as it would work out cheaper than running a car but I can't afford to waste the time. Constantly seeing empty busses driving past, it simply isn't the money why people don't use them.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Buses are the empty because of the price of fares. Last time I rode the bus, an undesirable man and woman sat in front of me and smelled of feral body odor. Then teenage boys got on the bus, played bad music and also smelled horrendous. A separate bus for people who don't shower or use deodorant perhaps?

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?

Make cuts elsewhere- obviously don't reduce bus fares, hike them so people actually pay for the cost of the service they are using. I read you were getting rid of library fines as they bring in \$200,000 and cost you \$40,000 to implement, scratch that policy. I just saved you \$160,000 there. I earn an income and

don't live beyond my means with nice to haves and therefore I don't go into debt. Why can't you do the same?

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?

By cutting back spending on expensive nice to haves. Cut the number of councilors in half, stop funding unessential projects. Why on earth are their picnic tables in dallington red zone- it's money spent on a non essential purchase. Like any one on a low income or tight budget, you just spend money on the things you must have to survive. The council should undertake some budgeting advice and stick to it. Stop hiking rates to fund yourselves a slush fund. Edgeware pool was never economically viable, you gave away land for \$1. Build a couple of townhouses on it for a million dollars profit. Not hard.

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?

Spend within your budget

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email
