

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Thursday, 3 March 2022 6:50 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

Ruth

Last name

Jeffs

Email address

Suburb

Hornby, Christchurch

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.

As a student at UC, living in Hornby, without a car, I rely on buses - often multiple buses - to get me to Uni and back. I'm currently having to pay for this by using my Course Related Costs through Studylink, which increases the amount I'll have to pay back. Free buses would massively open up my accessibility to study, as well as other facilities around the city that I just don't take advantage of because of the price. I also support this option from a broader perspective - to increase this accessibility for all the listed groups would give new options to loads of people. Plus, the encouragement to bus rather than drive is a definite step in the right direction! Bussing can take more time as the schedule limits your options (if you have a class to get to, for example) but the knowledge that this option is free, rather than driving and paying for petrol/parking, would make it a lot more inviting.

Any other comments on bus fares?

In an ideal world, the regular rate could be \$2 alongside the free fares for certain groups, and there would be far more buses running more often, giving loads of people the motivation to use buses rather than cars. But focusing on the world as it is - perhaps more promotion of the fact that your second bus (ie. transfer within 2 hours) is free, and there's a cap per day and for the week? I'm amazed how many people don't realise this.

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 tax on the use of those things that goes towards their upkeep? (I don't really know - I'm here for the bus fares!)

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?

More carbon neutral buses that run more often (for free/very cheap) to get traffic down, perhaps

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

No Answer

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email
