

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 2: \$2 flat fare for adults and \$1.20 for children across bus zones 1, 2 and 3

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

The costs for petrol, car maintenance and ownership are increasing, and are a burden for all car owners - not just those on a low income. The flat fare under Option Two will benefit under 25s, students and CSC holders, as it is less than they pay now. It will also benefit everyone else who uses the bus service, which includes a lot of people who are struggling with costs, but who won't qualify for free travel under Option 1. Many of those who will benefit from Option 1 will continue to use the bus regardless of which option is chosen, and that is simply because they are the groups of people least likely to own cars. However, Option 2 is likely to boost bus patronage by attracting people who currently drive - catching a bus will be cheaper than driving. Very few people will switch to buses so long as it is cheaper and faster to drive. As petrol prices increase, a flat bus fare will become increasingly attractive to drivers.

Any other comments on bus fares?

So long as catching a bus is slower than driving, the only real advantage it might have is that it is cheaper. I only bus to work if my husband needs the car that day. At the moment, for my daily commute, the costs of petrol or bussing are about the same. As petrol costs rise, and if bus prices come down, I will be more willing to endure the longer commute time if I am at least saving money.

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

Don't know

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?

Don't know

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
