

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Tuesday, 22 March 2022 1:50 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.

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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?

Yes

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.

Transit systems still cost money, they should either be free and completely subsidised by local/national government, or made to cover their costs.

Any other comments on bus fares?

I don't prefer any of the choices really, I think bus fares should be charged like taxis, with more costs the further one travels. This makes more sense than it costing \$2.65 with a Metrocard to get from my street to the nearest supermarket. It's cheaper and faster to drive. Which is not the point of a transport network, is it? It's meant to be a viable alternative, not worse by every metric except carbon emissions. So I think the Metrocard system needs to be reworked to be a 'tap on, tap off' system, with a very low base fare, and fare applied progressively the more one travels. This should be implemented to make it more logical to take shorter trips by bus (and potentially other forms of fared transport as they are implemented, like rail) and should add up to about the same costs for going between transport zones into Christchurch as a long-distance commuter. Of course, there may still be the weekly cap or weekly/monthly/annual passes to encourage more regular users/commuters.

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

No

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?

State infrastructure, like highway bridges, railways, and power infrastructure should be paid for by the governing/owning/operating body of those structures.

Which option for distribution of rates in Ashburton River rating district do you support?

Option 1 (preferred): Redistribute rates in the Ashburton River rating district.

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?

Responding to climate change is already in your purview but is managed at a national, regional, and local council level. More money isn't needed, more coordination is.

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

Let rail transport happen for goodness sake. How can you be an environmental organisation and pooh-pooh sensible plans to get even the most meagre service underway at a fraction of the cost of a single cycleway?

Where did you hear about the consultation?

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