

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?

40-64 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.

Free transport for community services card holders allows the wider rate-paying community to use their privilege to share in the role of supporting those less fortunate than themselves. In a small number of cases, CSC holders may be able to use bus transport savings to help save for a second hand electric or petrol-hybrid car, thus reducing their reliance on fossil fuels that could otherwise continue. Free transport for under 25s can help change mindsets and family habits around transport norms, to reduce carbon production. As a rate-payer solo-parent with CSC, my son and I would both benefit from the free bus transport. The zero-cost would help offset the reduced convenience of bus transport routes and timetables for the trips we need to make while home educating with special needs.

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?

A scheme that helps Community Services Card holders access car transport that is electric or hybrid. CSC holders aren't going to easily be able to afford to replace their petrol-engine cars, especially when they're looked into using increasingly-pricey petrol. Not all trip/route/schedule needs will be met by the proposed free bus transport trial. Alternatives for low-income families would be great to see. Could there be an innovative scheme that converts petrol vehicles to electric and provides apprenticeships for young/retraining people, for example?

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

I'm surprised the coastal area of New Brighton continues to be developed despite coastal risks, especially with the likes of Wolfbrook putting up units with no parking or garages, and preferentially selling to buyers who have already bought from them, ie. they're not supporting first-time buyers. They're just grabbing huge profits, and perhaps development contributions need to rise to reflect the long-term management of climate change effects that will be required in that area. Otherwise it will fall to increasingly-disgruntled rate-payers (also trying to make a profit due to Wolfbrook's sales policies favouring wealthy investors) to foot the bill later on, and the developers will then be retiring with many millions, with choice to live in areas safer from the effects of climate change. It doesn't seem right.

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

New 3-story urban in-fill housing risks substantial shading of solar panels on existing neighbouringsingle-story housing, impacting residents' climate change impact reduction efforts. While housing likely falls within city council remit rather than Ecan, if there's anything that can be done then many residents would appreciate this oversight being sorted out. Perhaps the new builds should be required to produce solar power for the neighbouring shaded property for existing or future loss of solar generation potential, as well as for the new property.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
