

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Saturday, 19 March 2022 3:17 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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Email address

Suburb

Allenton, Ashburton

Phone number

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?

I don't have a preference

Any other comments on bus fares?

A free bus service for pension holders, and school students, is worth exploring, in the future.

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

Yes

How else might we pay for our share of this work?

By making flood protection work your main priority expenditure and and a lot less about climate change.

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?

Rates and borrowing until the work is done to the required standard.. It is quite clear that there has been underinvestment in this area in recent years, and council has been caught out by the recent May flooding.

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

Option 2 (status quo): Keep the current distribution of rates in the Ashburton River rating district.

Any other comments on flood protection in Ashburton?

Obviously more protection needs to be done. Greater land clearing and cleaning of waterways, has affected river flows, river beds need to be kept cleaner of willow trash, and gravel extraction extended, instead of opening gravel quarries on land or annoying residents with such proposals.

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?

The so called climate change debate has certainly grown a few extra legs in recent years, as the Government and educational institutions have pushed the issue, driven by fairly dubious science. The main thing that is affecting the planet now, is overpopulation, and no council here in NZ, or anywhere else in the world is going to correct that fact. The climate has always been changing, ever since humankind wandered out of the cave. As for flooding affecting property and people, this is not in dispute, but it can be argued that if councils and authorities around the world, had not dished out building consents to historical flood plain areas or crazy mountainside sites, we might be able to have avoided all the current drama. Historical records show major flooding in past years, but it wasn't dramatized like today. We all know it rains more in some places and that seasons can vary, but our observation is only miniscule in the whole passage of time. Sea rise is exaggerated by building being consented right on the beach area. Pollution of the environment by rubbish and waterway degradation and the promotion of recycling plants, are issues more important to me.

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

No more water bottling plant consents, please. New Zealand is being taken as a sucker, by giving this resource away. Try harder on eliminating stubble burning.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Postcard
News article
Environment Canterbury website
