

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?

65+ 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.

My observations indicate there will hardly ever be buses running with enough passengers to pay their way, hence making it best to give most people a free ride and carry out some surveys on the passengers to find out why they chose to take the bus. .

Any other comments on bus fares?

I could not find data on the % capacity on various bus routes. (I surmise the Rangiora route may have higher % compared with Rolleston)

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?

Perhaps the "3 waters" may assisting at national level (though I am vehemently against the broad grouping of regions across NZ and the "take-over" of water infrastructures paid by ratepayers over scores, if not hundreds, of years!)

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?

Obviously "state" infrastructures should be largely be funded by central government.

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.

Any other comments on flood protection in Ashburton?

Unfortunately, there have not been upgrades of significant bridges: the Ashburton bridge needs a new build and its narrowness is unacceptable. (being a major state highway the government should be the major financial provider) Upstream plantings should be increased to enhance stopbanks

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?

There are enough national plans for carbon reduction already : e-vehicles, tree plantings, intensive pastoral technologies by farmers to reduce CO2 and methane. After all, NZ contributes VERY LITTLE of the world's greenhouse gases. (why should we try to lead the world, while China, India, Russia, and so on are building thermal power stations, and pollution is rampant? , Even US. is still getting oil out of tarsands and we are closing down are useful gas in Taranaki!

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

I like the long term plans made by the ECAN. In the future we should be planning for "satellite" settlements (Rolleston, Rangiora. Amberley etc.) to take on more jobs in manufacturing . logistics and services. (The expansion of the Rolleston hub is great - inland port, the I-Centre etc. This must reduce commutes to ChCh) A question, how many hectares of wilding pines are being cleared in our region AND how many hill farms/hectares have been planted for ever as carbon sinks? I hope we stop the rush of, especially, foreign investors who would possibly alter our smaller service centres, and take away land that should be used for beef-sheep farming, managed with trees in a two tier system.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Postcard
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