

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Monday, 28 March 2022 11:30 am
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.

Support option one as a 2 year trial. I am choosing this as I am hopeful that this will encourage whole families to use the bus - modelling how this is done for their kids. Currently it is cheaper for families to take a car. I am pleased that 2 years has been given - signally that behaviour change - particularly in COVID times takes time. A positive action to reduce emissions.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Support no zones as part of the free trial - again an incentive for individuals and whole families to use the bus and contribute to reducing transport emissions.

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

Yes

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?

We are informed by science, these significant weather events will become more frequent. As local and regional councils only have rates to use to address cleaning up after floods, I believe that a national levy, as for earthquakes, is required alongside financial support for frequently flooded properties to be relocated to safer ground.

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?

As with all severe weather events, I am hopeful that 'working with nature' is to the forefront in the work undertaken to repair. Meaning that these events will occur again and the courageous question needs to be asked. "Has the natural flow of the river been too constrained by the encroachment of agriculture?".

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?

Improving biodiversity I believe is one of the quickest and most effective responses to the climate and biodiversity crisis we are facing. While planting trees is a high priority for absorbing carbon emissions more effective is buying land and allowing natural regeneration, along with pest and browser control. So I would love my levy to be used to buy land - such as wetlands, lakes, coastal and braided river edges.

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

Increase support for activities (such as Enviroschools and leadership courses) that educate the next generation about working with nature. Support creative and innovative workshops to look for solutions to current climate problems.

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

I am pleased that some bold new initiatives have been put forward for transport. However, I would like to emphasise the importance of continuing to fund outcomes for biodiversity gains. Getting behind groups with funding who are planting, tackling pests - both animal and plants must continue. However, ensuring what biodiversity we have left is protected must be a top priority. A huge contribution to biodiversity loss and carbon emissions is not only wetlands and land continuing to be cleared but browsers - possums, goats, deer, pigs and wallabies eating out the understory thus negating much of the work done in planting, without addressing forcefully these issues, the balance sheet continues to be tipped towards carbon loss.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email

Environment Canterbury website

Word of mouth

News article

Meeting or event

Print ad or billboard
