

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Sunday, 27 March 2022 11:29 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?

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 2: \$2 flat fare for adults and \$1.20 for children across bus zones 1, 2 and 3

Tell us more about why you support the selected bus fare option.

This will not affect our rates as we don't live in the relevant areas however we have children at school in Christchurch who use the bus services. As much as I can see the benefits of free fares this obviously comes at a cost. This cost should be shared between the users and the rate payers rather than be solely funded by the rate payer.

Any other comments on bus fares?

In general the council needs to live within its means and prioritise the spending of funding already received rather than simply asking rate payers for more.

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

No

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

River protection is one of the council's main functions and sufficient funding/insurance should be in place without having to increase rates after specific events.

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?

I agree that some of the funding should come through general rates as it is not just land owners that are affected by flooding and other adverse events. Other funding should come a mix of government, Waka Kotahi, NZ Rail, Transpower, land owners etc whose infrastructure is adversely affected by flooding.

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

I don't have a preference

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?

I'm not against a response to climate change but a levy sounds like an excuse to employ a whole lot of resources to roll out a new programme. I challenge the council to incorporate ways to accelerate climate change action into the work that council already undertakes. In addition to this farmers are already facing a levy for climate change through the options under He Waka Eke Noa. I fail to see how imposing yet another levy in addition to this will fast track any action.

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

Everyday New Zealanders are facing a cost of living crisis at the moment. They do not have the privilege of increasing their income by 24% through an annual plan and neither should Ecan. Ecan need to look long and hard at the alternatives to this rate increase and live within their means. Rather than simply increasing income you need to look at the way you work, your systems and structures and create efficiencies where ever you can. And just like any household you need to prioritise where you are spending money and cut out services/work streams that are "nice to have" rather than "need to have".

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Word of mouth
News article
Radio
