

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Wednesday, 30 March 2022 7:59 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

Matthew

Last name

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Email address

Suburb

Parklands, Christchurch

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?

Yes

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.

This option will support people who are economic disadvantage. Great for the environment. This is an investment in the community model that encourage public transport

Any other comments on bus fares?

I believe that we need to talk about the disabled community and the unintentional discrimination around public transport. If you cannot access the public transport, the only alternative is the Total Mobility Scheme. It is a subsidy taxi scheme that is over subscribed. How it works is people get subsidized taxi fares up to \$70, if you have a fare of \$70 you \$35 and Ecan pays \$35. Anything above this you pay \$35 + whatever over \$70 and Ecan pays \$35. Anything under \$70 is a 50% subsidy scheme. In my opinion, Total Mobility is NOT an alternative to public transport. If it was the scheme would have the same fare structure has public transport. I believe that Ecan needs to investigate a door-to-door service for people who can't access public transport with the same fare structure as buses. There is a similar service within Ecan's boundaries in Timaru. The budget of Total Mobility should fund the service

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

Yes

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.

Would you support a levy to accelerate action in response to climate change?

Yes

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Meeting or event

Email
