

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Wednesday, 30 March 2022 9:03 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.

First name

Ella

Last name

Peoples

Email address

Suburb

Burwood, Christchurch

Phone number

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

Yes, I'm submitting on behalf of an organisation

Which organisation are you submitting on behalf of?

Forest & Bird Youth Christchurch

Which age category are you in?

15– 24 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.

This option is our organisation's choice as it has the highest impact in reducing our city's greenhouse gas emissions. According to Christchurch City Council data from 2016 and 2017, transport is Ōtautahi's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, even greater than the other four categories combined (stationery energy, agriculture, waste and industry). Free fares for selected groups will encourage more and more people to use public transport rather than cars, which will help cut our city's greenhouse gas emissions. This will also help out low income families who can save money on gas by sending their children to school on the bus. Climate change is a serious issue for youth, who want to make more sustainable choices, but the sheer cost of bus fares means that for students with limited income and families that are already struggling to make ends meet, public transport is inaccessible. By removing the cost of bus fares for students, under 25s, and total mobility and community services card holders, you are showing Christchurch's youth that you are finding equitable solutions to reduce our city's greenhouse gas emissions, and will not simply condemn this generation to the looming climate crisis. If this option is chosen, this council will be remembered as one that chose to work towards climate justice, and the one that did right by future generations. If Environment Canterbury wishes to make meaningful changes to Christchurch's greenhouse gases and allow this city to be part of a sustainable future, then this is not simply a preferred option, this is our only option.

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

Don't know

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?

Ecological restoration and native tree plantings, lower fares for adults on public transport, funding the transition from

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

Using the revenue from fines for those who pollute. A carbon tax would also be helpful.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)

Word of mouth

Email
