

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Wednesday, 30 March 2022 12:35 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

Niamh

Last name

Cooper

Email address

Suburb

Cashmere, Christchurch

Phone number

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

No, I'm submitting as an individual

Which age category are you in?

0–14 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.

Kia Ora. My name is Niamh Cooper and I am a 14-year-old high school student. I have lived in Christchurch for 12 years. I wholeheartedly support making fares free for under 25s, students, Total Mobility, and Community Services cardholders. In Christchurch, 53% of our carbon dioxide emissions come from transport. An equitable, accessible public transport system is vital if we are to meet our goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050. A major barrier to accessibility and equity is the cost of public transport fares. By making public transport free for these groups ECAN is removing this barrier and helping to make it easier for more people to choose a more sustainable transport option. It also signals ECAN's commitment to lowering Christchurch's emissions. The climate crisis is happening now and now is the time to support people to choose sustainable transport. We cannot afford to wait. I support this because it means that more people will use the buses as it is cheaper and more accessible. This is important as it will be better for the environment as more people will be using public transport than private cars that emitted lots of emissions.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Even if you didn't change the price of bus fares it may be beneficial to look into paying different amounts for the route you do so that someone isn't having to pay more for using 2 buses along a very short route.

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?

I think it may be beneficial to try and make dairy farming/farming, in general, more sustainable. Also, I think that it is really important to put more funding into the waterways and try our hardest to return them to their healthy, natural state. Another thing that isn't exactly urgent but would be quite cool to see is an increase in native planting. By returning land to forest and planting more land out we will be helping preserve the ecosystem.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Meeting or event
