

From: Environment Canterbury
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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?

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.

It would increase the demand for the system's use. A free fare means people would substitute away from driving cars that congest roads and pollute the air in favour of the cheaper bus alternative. With fewer cars on the road and higher demand for busses, the busses would be able to improve their services to such a degree that even people who aren't included in the 'free fare' category would substitute toward the efficient bus system for short trips.

Any other comments on bus fares?

It should be free for ALL people, not just under 25s, students, Total Mobility and Community Services cardholders. This would make there be less of a stigma and classist attitude toward who should take busses.

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?

General rates (from all CHCH areas) are a good source of funding. Not only will people from the flood-prone areas use these roads, but so will others passing through or visiting, so it is in everyone's interest for the roads to be fixed. Furthermore, wider-Christchurch sourcing of funding through general rates also means that there will be a future precedent that Christchurch is united in helping all of its areas.

This would avoid great harm coming to low socioeconomic areas of Christchurch in the form of rates-increases in the even of some other natural disaster in just this neighbourhood. It is in the best interest of all of Christchurch for all of Christchurch to live in well maintained areas. People will be of a better state of mental health, have access to quality roads to get to and from work, and there is no risk that potentially poorer groups will be financially targeted more than another through rates, which encourages equality.

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?

Yes

What current or future projects or activities would you like to see funded by such a levy?

Connected green spaces; inclusion of native and non-native food producing plants in green spaces to encourage local foraging and Mahinga Kai practices among local populations (so that imported foods that inherently have large carbon footprints are required less, and so that local Maori knowledge can be reinvigorated); financial incentives awarded to sustainably built houses and other buildings; continued development of cycleways and bike lock stations; electric car charging ports; financial incentives to farmers changing farming practices from dairy to less environmentally harsh production of goods like wheat and oats; financial incentives to keep bees; education schemes in schools about environmentally sustainable domestic; business and agricultural practices.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Word of mouth

Other (please specify) - University of Canterbury communications

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
