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No, I'm submitting as an individual

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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

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

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Dear councillors,

Thank you for the opportunity to have my say about the proposed bus fares.

In general I agree with any attempt to increase people's use of public transport, and hence reduce the overall emissions. In this regard, the more people who can pay less to use public transport, the more likely they will be to use it.

Option 1 seems clumsier in terms of the various categories of people and how they will be divided up, even though your modelling suggests it may result in more bus usage. Our rates are already very high, and therefore **I think I may prefer Option 2.**

However:

- None of these options will convince me to use buses more, as the nearest bus to me is 20 minutes' walk away, and for that length of walk I am already at a shopping centre. Why bother? It is ridiculous that there is a major shopping centre near a low socio-economic residential area, but only the people coming from outside the area can come there by bus. Those of us who don't drive in this area have no option but to walk or catch a taxi.
- Wouldn't it be simpler all round to reduce the size of the buses, increase the routes, and make them all electric or hybrid vehicles? Then we would have far higher emissions savings and far greater use of the buses in the suburban areas.
- I appreciate the idea of giving free travel, at least in off-peak times, to people with a Total Mobility card. This wouldn't require any more infrastructure than the current Gold Card does – the passenger with one could simply show it to the driver in the same way.
- Electric trains, which I used in Lower Hutt, produce virtually no carbon emissions. There is already a railway line running right through Christchurch. Surely it wouldn't be too hard to have some trains, even if only at peak commute times? This would take lots of people off the roads altogether, especially if there was park and ride available for cars and bike lockers for bikes.

Thanks again for the opportunity to make a submission.

Regards,

KM McKenzie



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