

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.

First name

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Huntsbury, Christchurch

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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?

40-64 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.

Free fares will provide environmental and social benefits. It is a step towards less reliance on cars and provides more equitable transportation options for people on low incomes. Frequent Electric buses in bus lanes, that are free for those who need them ticks the box for decarbonisation, congestion, and social equity. It would be an immediate and tangible action for our community to take.

Any other comments on bus fares?

I use the buses but the fares are so high it's just as cost effective to car pool. However if fares were lower and the bus was electric I would use them more frequently. The bike racks were a game changer too.

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?

Via rates. It's equitable as the whole community benefits from it either directly or indirectly.

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?

Free buses. Electric buses. Funding for regional parks, plantings and habitat and river restoration. Working with rural communities on river restoration projects. Our community doesn't put enough funding into these initiatives.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
