

From: Environment Canterbury
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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?

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 2: \$2 flat fare for adults and \$1.20 for children across bus zones 1, 2 and 3

Tell us more about why you support the selected bus fare option.

It is so hard to watch buses running around empty. Option 2 at least has the benefit that all can access the reduced cost bus travel.

Any other comments on bus fares?

I do not support the rates rises associated with this proposal. If (and it's a big if) additional funding is required it should be levied as a regional fuel tax so that it has stronger climate change benefit. I believe ECAN need to focus on why people do not ride buses. The quickest of calculations will demonstrate that the bus is cheaper. ECAN needs to focus on the other factors. For example how can we make it "cool" to ride the bus. How do we make it my responsibility to ride the bus as opposed to using the car? How can we improve connections to the bus e.g. car parks for satellite towns, strategic bike parks, partnerships with ebike and scooter companies.

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

Yes

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?

No

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

It feels like ECAN pull little levers and waste a lot money in the process. Solutions are whole of Government but they are even more than that. They are with business and they are ultimately with the individual. My employer allows me to work from home (IT so its a little easier than most). Could ECAN persuade employers to run programs that encourage ride sharing, public transport and work from home. A rates reduction might be a suitable sweetner.

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

The scale of the proposed rates rise causes hardship. The ones that suffer are often the very ones councilors would be aiming to protect (fixed incomes, community card holders) etc. ECAN needs to be more creative with its budget. It should work with central government on ways to promote public transport (particularly the initiatives stemming from the fuel price crisis).

Where did you hear about the consultation?

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