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Anonymous User just submitted 'Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 submission' with the responses below.

First name

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Suburb

Papanui, Christchurch

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

No, I'm submitting as an individual

Which age category are you in?

25-39 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.

This option is best as it is the simplest - everyone pays the same. This, together with improved routes and services, would be the best way to get more people of all walks of life on public transport - especially those in satellite towns, which is vital for traffic and emissions management.

Any other comments on bus fares?

A round number like \$2 for all fares just makes everything so simple, there's no room for misunderstanding over prices, which encourages use. A simple regular bus schedule too would be amazing to promote public transport in wider Christchurch.

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

No

How else might we pay for our share of this work?

Targeted rates on river-adjacent properties.

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?

Insurance? General rates are ok to pay for public infrastructure, but those who use and benefit most should pay a greater fare. This may include transport operators.

Which option for distribution of rates in Ashburton River rating district do you support?

Option 2 (status quo): Keep the current distribution of rates in the Ashburton River rating district.

Any other comments on flood protection in Ashburton?

Flood risk is not new. When I buy a property in New Brighton, I pay insurance to cover flooding risk. Flood protection should be paid proportionally by those who stand to benefit from it.

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 support it only to speed up the transition to cheap, efficient, zero-emission public transport. That's what the regional council manages. The rest should be covered by national regulation (fuel taxes, insulation schemes etc.)

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

Climate change response in terms of managing effects should be user pays. People understand it well enough to know what activities are high-risk and costs should be built into that, rather than spreading costs. For example, property in areas prone to flooding may lose value or be uninsurable, but that's entirely predictable, so these people shouldn't be covered by other ratepayers.

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

I am happy with the rate increase as it is necessary for important future preparation. I would support further rate increases, but would like costs to be passed to the user/beneficiary as much as possible.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Word of mouth
