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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 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.

Purely because it will reduce the carbon emissions. With the increasing rate of climate change and the related issues we are already facing I believe immediate climate change action must now be forefront in all decisions. These fares will have the added benefit of supporting lower income and vulnerable people. These groups though are likely to be lower polluters anyway. If the trial is successful in terms of pollution reduction I would like to see cheap fares extended to everyone to encourage public transport use. To maximize the benefit all buses used should be zero emission.

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

Don't know

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

I would have though where possible, borrowing should be avoided but don't know how else it can be paid for. Central Government?

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?

Take out increased insurance against future events. Levies should be place on those who in the future chose to purchase in flood prone areas or those likely to be effected by rising water levels. Council should prevent building in these areas immediately

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

Option 1 (preferred): Redistribute rates in the Ashburton River rating district.

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?

Projects that will have an immediate effect on reducing climate change. We need to stop making plans for what we will do in the future and take more action immediately, giving it priority over other projects even in that means increased costs. A simple immediate plan would be to provide trees to any community group or school and have them immediately plant all the red zone, unused/spare land, river banks, areas of the Port Hills etc. Changes can be made later if need be but while that planning is happening we are getting 10 years of tree growth and carbon reduction. Many of those trees would remain and they cannot become full grown overnight. It is terrible that after all this time the empty land of the red zone has not at the very least being used for growing trees. Any developers/developments should immediately have to replant any trees removed in there development and should have a percentage set of tree cover. We should stop planting grasses roadside everywhere and go back to lining the roads with trees. This will help reduce pollution, noise, moderate temperature, help prevent heat reflection back into the atmosphere especially from road surfaces and will obviously help in carbon reduction. More trees will also help in flood control and earth and stock bank retention.

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

All climate change projects should be prioritised and the "greener" option now always taken even if it is more expensive. All activities and projects that will increase or even not reduce emissions should be levied or prevented.

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

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Where did you hear about the consultation?

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