

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Thursday, 31 March 2022 9:01 pm
To: Have your Say
Subject: Submission on draft Annual Plan 2022/23

Johngould58 just submitted 'Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 submission' with the responses below.

First name

John

Last name

Gould

Email address

Suburb

Saint Martins, Christchurch

Phone number

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?

Yes

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.

Actually I would prefer to see a combination of Option 1 and 2 A \$2 flat fare and \$1 child fare across the whole network, plus free fares for Under 25s, Community service card holders etc.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Yes, currently near empty buses are worse GHG emitters than cars. A major cultural shift regarding the use of public and active transport is urgently needed in Christchurch / Canterbury, this requires a major campaign promoting sustainable transport options in general walking, biking, busing and carpooling, just reducing the fares alone will not bring about the radical and rapid change required. Multi-modal transport options should also be promoted.

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?

Yes

What current or future projects or activities would you like to see funded by such a levy?

Given the urgency of the climate and ecological emergency we are facing major native bush and wetland restoration projects should be strongly promoted as these provide the best return on investment and tackle both climate change through carbon sequestration and enhancing biodiversity.

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

ECan should engage with CCC to discourage large scale housing developments resulting in urban sprawl, houses which only the affluent can afford and locking owners into long commutes for the life of these houses. Several large developments around Christchurch are resulting in the removal of thousands of trees, leading to the loss of the multiple ecosystems services they provide.

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

Could I take this opportunity to thank ECan and a number of councillors for providing these options for starting to address some of the key challenges that the climate and ecological crisis we are facing is already presenting us with. While subsidized bus fares, flood resilient structures and funding actions to respond to climate change will help, the key challenge is to start changing the general mindset that continued growth, consumption and lifestyles centred around motor cars (whether petrol or electric) are still acceptable given the future we are facing. Nature has sustained life on Earth for 4 billion years, humanity over a few centuries is trashing it. Nature, where everything is recycled offers us the only model for a sustainable future.

If you would like to give feedback via video, add a link to YouTube clip or Dropbox file below

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_Si6Jg8-ds

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Word of mouth
