

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Thursday, 31 March 2022 9:01 pm
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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Last name

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Suburb

Broomfield, 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 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.

I support Option 1 because it will result in the greatest increase in bus patronage and also the greatest reduction in carbon emissions. Given the importance of climate change this is critical. I am comfortable as a ratepayer paying a little bit more to help get people onto the buses, especially with a targeted free-fare proposal which will help those who need it most. I am glad to see that a general free-fare has not been proposed.

Any other comments on bus fares?

I think reducing bus fares are only part of the solution to increase bus patronage and reduce our climate impact. I would also like to see increased frequency, as I feel that will help make the bus more competitive versus driving.

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

Don't know

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?

I think it is important that this funding is used in a leadership role, to ensure that our region is aware and supported to take action on climate change. I feel that ECan is unlikely to be able to make significant change as most action to reduce our emissions is outside their role. However, I do think ECan will be responsible for cleaning up the mess and mitigating the effects of climate change. Therefore, it is very important that ECan is able to act and advocate on behalf of the region to ensure we act to reduce our emissions. Having said that, the one area that ECan can make a significant contribution to reducing emissions is with regard to public transport. Specifically, I would love to see the delivery of our 10 year transport plan sped up and prioritised. Then I would like to see us go beyond that and start to put in place true rapid transit for Christchurch as well as supporting improvements to active travel.

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

Just that we need to do more to reduce our emissions!!

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email
