

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Thursday, 31 March 2022 12:52 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

Chloe

Last name

Sutton

Email address

Suburb

Burwood, Christchurch

Phone number

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.

Kia ora, my name is Chloe and I am 28 years of age, working at the University of Canterbury. I have lived in Ōtautahi Christchurch for 20 years. I wholeheartedly support Option One: making fares free for under 25s, students, total mobility and community services card holders. In Christchurch 53% of co2 comes from transport. An accessible, equitable, public transport system is vital if we are to meet our goal of becoming carbon net neutral by 2050. A major barrier for many people choosing public transport are the fares. For many people in Christchurch, it is currently cheaper to use a private vehicle than it is to use public transport - despite the ownership fees, the harmful emissions, and the stress involved in driving/congestion, parking etc etc. While the shift to Option One will not impact my personal public transport use (as I am not currently within the target groups identified and I am able to cycle 99% of the time) the impact that it will have on our climate and our communities is of immense importance to me. Together we can send a strong signal to Aotearoa that Ōtautahi is serious about lowering it's carbon emissions, and also caring for our vulnerable communities. The climate crisis is happening now, and now is the time to support people to make good, accessible, equitable transport choices.

Any other comments on bus fares?

No Answer

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

Yes

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?

YES

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

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)

Meeting or event

Environment Canterbury website

Word of mouth
