

From: Environment Canterbury
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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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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 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.

It's minimal cost for even a household on a strict budget (we have a student daughter in Canterbury who is in this category and uses the buses). If the first option is chosen those households on a strict budget will have their rents increased as their landlords pass on the increased rates to their tenants, when the tenants are already finding it hard with every other cost increasing. I also know many households in Canterbury where they are property owners on a strict budget and the increased rates will be crippling to their already struggling households.

Any other comments on bus fares?

My student daughter has said she would be happy paying \$2/bus trip, so I assume that would be indicative of most students. My friends who are feeling the pinch would also be happy with that. They would not be happy with rates increase/landlords increasing rent to cover their costs.

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?

Cutting costs in ECan. No one and I mean no one can afford to have you to borrow money because fuel, food, housing, electricity has all had a significant increase in the past 12 months. People are REALLY struggling out there.

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?

A portion of the current ECan rates put aside every year. Money diverted from other projects. In Christchurch, there were drainage boards, and those employed by them were experts and prevented many floods.

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?

Diverting funds from other projects and petitioning the govt to fund another bridge. If they were going to fund a cycle bridge in Auckland this seems to me to be far more important.

Would you support a levy to accelerate action in response to climate change?

No

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

There have always always been adverse weather events. Even 100 years ago, going by the pictures in the ODT. There was no funding for climate change then and we survived. Humans are resilient creatures.

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

I was shocked and disgusted when a 24% increase in ECan rates was announced. It seems ECan is very good at spending other people's money...and there is nothing to show for it. Year on year, there is no evidence that you actually do anything. As a ratepayer, I am unable to see how you justify your existence. Prices of every essential is increasing (some of it due to global lockdowns and shipping restrictions) and I just wonder how families, students, pensioners, beneficiaries, refugees and anyone else on a strict budget will survive with ECan increasing their rates. I can see all costs are understandably passed on from landlords and for those lucky to own their own homes, many are really struggling. Common sense would go down well.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

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