

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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Last name

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Email address

Suburb

Riccarton, Christchurch

Phone number

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

No, I'm submitting as an individual

Which age category are you in?

15– 24 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 Option 1 is my preferred option. I am a student, working hard on a degree in Engineering, which means I don't have time to work part time to give me additional income. I rely on carpooling with friends, biking, scootering, and busing to get around. I once arranged a carpool with a team-mate I hadn't met, and hopped into their car without introductions, to save money on the bus. I hate to think what would have happened if it wasn't who I thought it was. I have also heard the cost of buses means students like myself are opting to walk or bike home from parties in the dark, in an intoxicated state to save money. This presents a huge safety issue, and free buses would help limit the safety risks involved with getting home in the dark. I once scootered all the way to Riccarton Mall from town one night in the dark, due to the bus cost I did not consider catching a ride home. It was an exhilarating experience, and my adrenalin was pumping from more than the exercise. Free bus fares would help. I often arrange carpooling with team-mates to save petrol and vehicle related emissions, and costly bus rides. To avoid the negative effects of climate change it is essential to promote public transport and making this free to students will help establish the routines and habits needed for a sustainable future, for when students become working professionals with the income to pay for bus fares. I understand this will come at a cost, to reduce the running costs of the bus system, revenue could be generated from increasing car-parking costs to deter car use in areas where the patrons have the income to support this. The canterbury maps could be updated to show free parking locations, where short inconvenient walks are required. For those who require the independence of a vehicle for work, and their health, car-parking VIP cards or subscriptions could be implemented (business sponsored) to reduce the burden on those who rely on accessible parking. Metro cards could store bus trip data and be used to price parking costs; with massive car park cost savings for those who have used the bus in the last 7 days. Alternatively a loyalty scheme bus pricing system could be valuable, to incentivize bus use and reward those who use it regularly. Buy one fare get the next free? Buses could also become electric to avoid the rising prices of petrol, potentially generating power with solar panels on the roof. Pedals could be installed for patrons to generate some kinetic energy as a donation towards fuel costs. Dynamo generators could also be attached to the wheels, and energy generating pavement technology installed in the base of buses, with potential for vertical axis wind turbines attached to the sides of buses to generate electricity from the 'wind' made from the movement. Hire cars similar to the e-scooters would also help reduce the need for car ownership but still offering people flexibility when they need it.

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?

Charge for water and use this revenue towards flood relief and protection initiatives. Send out notifications when household water usage is approaching the 'free trial water' weekly limit with tips on how to save water usage. Punish those for wasting water resources, despite education.

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?

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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.

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?

Banning things that negatively effect climate. Limit parking to dissuade use of cars; additional community cars/e -scooters available at a lower at cost price. Banning plastic wrapping in supermarkets.

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

Tax the rich

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
