

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

Chelsea

Last name

Skinner

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.

I believe this is such a beneficial option for myself as a current tertiary student who has a community services card but also as someone who works with young people in Canterbury. We know that currently the cost of living is expensive. It's a struggle to pay the bills, rent, food, let alone anything else. I myself have a health condition which involves severe chronic pain some days. Although I'm somewhat close to uni, being able to bus allows me the ability to be able to attend University on my days when I struggle to walk. This however would not be affordable with the current structure it is as I am spending a large amount in bus fares already per week. Having free transport would allow me to get across the city without having to worry about whether I choose to pay to bus or whether I pay to eat healthier food that week. This will also allow some of our lower economic communities to be able to use public transport meaning they will have more access to be able to get a job across the city or access local services like doctors, supermarkets etc. I think having option 1 seems like the best option to support people in our region, particularly those that have less money in a society where inflation is rising and cost of living is getting tougher

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?

I don't have a preference

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

Don't know

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
