

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

Opawa, Christchurch

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 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.

This option reduces emissions the most and help those who are likely mostly likely to need to use the bus. Also, I'm hopefully the Gov't will continue to subsidise bus fares by 50% for everybody else.

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?

Ideally the Gov't will release their strangle hold on the purse strings and transfer more money to local governments. The central Gov't is best placed to raise revenue through higher taxes and their ability to borrow at lower rates. Local Gov't is revenue constrained - rates are already high and you can't just keep putting up consent and dog tag fees. Borrowing and socialising the increasing costs of dealing with climate change would be the best option for ECan.

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.

Any other comments on flood protection in Ashburton?

With climate change, we will increasingly have big rain events along our braided rivers and we will need to socialise those costs to help both the residents bordering these rivers and the native species that live and nest along the rivers.

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 agree with all the suggestions listed. There are different proposals for urban vs. rural areas. We need to fund all these ideas in order to respond to the climate change challenges we will face.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Word of mouth
