

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

Mike

Last name

O'Connell

Email address

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?

Yes

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 am a full-time worker in the central city and support Option 1 of targeted Free Fares. I think it's imperative that we get people out of cars and one of the best ways to do that is to make public transport affordable for those who can least afford it.. To a lot of people who are not typically taking the bus at the moment due to the price, Option 1 will make it more accessible to them. It's now getting harder to afford and run private motor vehicles; the bus in comparison offers a viable alternative to those in a younger age demographic (under 25s), tertiary students, community service card holders and total mobility card holders. These groups in particular are important to focus on as they tend to be at a financial disadvantage to other groups in society. We want people, who typically commute from poorer suburbs and live a long way out from the city centre (or wherever they work), to be able to afford the basic necessities of transportation, without added pressures of paying for a carpark. This will also incentivise more people using the city centre and reduce traffic and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution from the road network. Also, New Zealand's fleet average age is about 14 years old, (the oldest in the OECD.. Phasing out these older and less-well-maintained cars from our roads will benefit the people and the environment. I'm not a frequent bus user as I usually ride my bike to my place of work in the CBD, however, I support Option One even though that won't directly benefit me as over 25s tend to have more money to afford the public transport. That said, it would still be nice to have a secondary option within Option One to incentivise more over-25s usage such as free buses on weekends. I am happy for my annual rates to increase - even though I'm not personally getting a discount - because it is about the greater good, the benefit for the wider community. everyone. If we get more cars off the road and we reduce greenhouse gas emissions then it is worth it for me.

Any other comments on bus fares?

I think it is a great move by the government worth support form regional councils to reduce fares for at least three month. I feel fares are at 'the level the should be'.

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?

Start creation of community messaging - and targeted funding - to assist with 'managed retreat' of home owners from vulnerable locations in advance of the Climate Adaptation Act.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Word of mouth
