

From: Environment Canterbury
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Anonymous User just submitted 'Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 submission' with the responses below.

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Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

Yes, I'm submitting on behalf of an organisation

Which organisation are you submitting on behalf of?

LUSA and LESS

Which age category are you in?

25-39 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.

We want to recognise that not all students fall under the age of 24, and the support of our staff is also valuable. LESS and LUSA would like to see a combination of Option 1 and Option 2 which would mean a flat fare for adults across all zones, and free fares for students, children and community service card holders.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Kia ora! My name is Katie Blows and I am speaking on behalf of LESS and LUSA at Lincoln University. LESS is the Lincoln Environmental Sustainability Society and the focus of this club is to gain a strong and passionate cohort of students, who are committed to exploring how we can minimise our waste and our overall footprint. To be specific, LESS has been involved with the ongoing integration of compost and green bins on campus, and are supporting SAGE (Sustainability Action Group for the Environment) with many of their initiatives, on being on the reduction of Metro fares. I am submitting this on behalf of LESS and LUSA which is our Students Association here at Lincoln, of which I sit on as the Sustainability representative. For the past two years as a student, I have lived over 40 minutes away from campus, resulting in high costs relating to petrol use. Costs of bus fares often ended up being the same if not more to travel the same distance. We believe it is in the best interest of students to have bus fares that ease financial worry rather than add to it. These fare changes would be especially valuable to our students as the crossing of zones due our rural location brings extra costs. Part of our University's goals is to become carbon neutral by 2030 and carbon zero by 2050. If we are serious about reducing our emissions, we need to be willing to step out and make the big moves to attempt to succeed. This includes listening to organisations and groups who are willing to support these changes.

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?

Redistributing rates to contain a % sufficient to contribute to this work to provide for now and the future.

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?

These events are not one-offs and are likely to increase in frequency so funding needs to be prioritised by our government, by our councils and by organisations so that we can spread funding across multiple sectors. By sharing the cost across varying platforms, including public rates, we could see consistent funding available.

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.

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?

Our emphasis on reducing carbon emissions specifically through our transport, so the reduction of bus fares would aid in this. Increasing the availability, accessibility and costs of public transport is important. I'd also like to see more business reducing their carbon footprints by offsetting.

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

It needs immediate action. There is enough talk about what we could do, and not enough trying to change things. We can focus on policy and regulations all we like, but if we do't step out and try new things that may be controversial, we are not going to achieve any difference in our climate footprint.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Word of mouth

Email

Meeting or event

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
