

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

Brent

Last name

Thompson

Email address

Suburb

Linwood, Christchurch

Phone number

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.

I chose option one because it is closest to my real preference, which is free fares for everyone. Removing the cost barrier and the hassle of paying on entry will make public transport much more appealing. More people using public transport instead of private cars makes the city a better place, and also reduces our emissions, and that's worth spending my rate payer dollars on.

Any other comments on bus fares?

The ideal situation in my opinion is to have free fares for everyone. I think the revenue lost from the tiny proportion of people who would still be paying in the option one scenario is not worth having the complexity of having a payment system for only a few people, and having to check everyone's ID. Furthermore, the more people who can access free and hassle free public transport, the more people are likely to choose that over private cars. Fewer people travelling by car means less congestion, less demand for roading upgrades (a cost saving), lower emissions (a high priority), and an altogether more pleasant city. Due to my own personal circumstances, I am unlikely to take advantage of free fares myself, but I consider that I would still benefit from all the advantages noted above, and I consider that worthwhile expenditure of my rates.

Is borrowing and repaying through general rates the right approach for this regionally significant event?

Don't know

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?

Flooding events and other climate related disasters are only likely to increase in frequency and severity. I believe that a portion of council income should be put away into a fund for disaster prevention and recovery. These costs should not be regarded as unexpected in the future.

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?

• Free bus fares for all. • More and better cycle infrastructure. • Upgrade the bus fleet to all zero emissions vehicles as soon as possible. • Redesigning the city centre to be human-centric instead of car-centric. • Implementing a transition engineering approach to reducing emissions both within the council, and within the city (see <https://www.transitionengineering.org/>). • Grants to help decarbonise high emissions industries. • Any other projects which will significantly reduce emissions.

Any other comments on Environment Canterbury's draft Annual Plan or other matters?

Please put climate change and resilience to the looming fossil energy crisis at the centre of all council decisions!

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)

Email
