

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.

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Upper Riccarton, Christchurch

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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 support option one as I believe this will be the best option for the city, for accessibility of all people, and the environment. With transport being the primary contributor to carbon emissions in Christchurch, is important that we take all efforts possible to reduce the impact our transport has. Less private vehicles and a transition to cleaner public transport is an important step to reducing our impact and combatting our current climate crisis. Targeting specific groups to make public transport accessible for those who need it most is an important way to support our people. It seems insane that those with disabilities that give them no option to drive are not assisted in being able to use public transport freely. Option 1 is the only option that supports this. Allowing community service card holders means those who are do not have wealth privilege are able to have proper access to our whole city, especially benefiting those who are currently restricted to poorer areas. I personally am a student who is under 25. I do not have a car and rely on walking and public transport to travel around the city. While I am in a fortunate position to be able to financially afford public transport use, and live close enough to University to be able to walk without hinderance, I understand for many my age and many other students the cost of public transport is a massive barrier that discourages bus use. Having it as a free option will support students to use busses and set habits for more environmentally clean travel patterns. With Christchurch's public transport system as centralized as it is, it's inevitable that free fares will result in a higher quantity of young people travelling to the central city, contributing to revitalizing our currently broken and lifeless city center, and has the potential to go a long way to helping us become a much more vibrant place that people actually want to live and stay. Option 1 seems like an obvious choice and anything else would be an incredibly disappointing injustice.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Free busses for everyone would be great to work towards.

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

Yes

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)

Email

Word of mouth
