

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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Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

No, I'm submitting as an individual

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.

I am strongly in favour of option 1 because it does the most to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and make our region more equitable. I passionately believe that we must respond to climate change in ways that enhance justice and free fares for public transport are a great start to doing just that. Enhancing public transport use is essential both to reduce transport emissions and the amount of energy needed to provide for everyone's essential transport needs. Everyone in our region should be able to have their transport needs met in a low or zero emissions way and this initiative will make low or zero emissions transport more accessible to the groups for whom obtaining private electric vehicles would be prohibitively expensive. In addition to free fares for the suggested groups, I also support transitioning all public buses in the region to electric power so as to reduce transport emissions further.

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

Yes

Which option for distribution of rates in Ashburton River rating district do you support?

I don't have a preference

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?

Equitable public transport (including rail options), enhanced cycleway infrastructure and education options for adults taking up cycling (including local social bike riding groups who help familiarise people with their neighbourhoods, and support for purchasing appropriate cycling equipment for those who cannot afford it), ecosystem restoration (particularly wetlands), public education around disaster preparedness, support for community gardens and programs that help people create their own gardens, programs that encourage commercial businesses to switch to EVs or other forms of low emissions transport, programs supporting low carbon building materials, programs supporting renewable energy installation and maintenance (particularly targeting low income households).

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

We are in the midst of the climate crisis and are increasingly feeling its effects. The current decade and the ones that follow are key for limiting the catastrophic effects of climate change. We must take ambitious action now if we are to have a possibility of a more just and sustainable future for all. We must do everything we can, big things and little things, in order to stop emitting greenhouse gases and to help each other (particularly those with the least resources and power) to adapt to the changing climate. This should be done in close relationship with the tangata whenua of this region, seeking to be in accordance with Te Tiriti. Ours is a prosperous region in a developed country - we have a lot of capacity (and responsibility) to make positive change, both in alleviating climate change and inequality, and restoring our precious ecosystems. We will not regret taking ambitious action while we still can. I am supportive of increasing funding for climate action through a levy so long as it is equitably applied eg through provisions to alleviate the burden on those with low incomes, who also tend to contribute the least to the causes of the crisis.

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

No Answer

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
