

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Sunday, 3 April 2022 5:00 pm
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

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.

It's the obvious option to help reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, and make transport available to all - as a part of climate change action justice.

Any other comments on bus fares?

No.

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

Don't know

How else might we pay for our share of this work?

In this time of climate disruption to be spending money to "rebuild flood protection" on what is called a "one-off" event makes no sense as we need to be building resilience for future events that will be similar, and more frequent. The event was not a flood but part of a braided river's dynamic behaviour. We are supposed to be protecting the natural character of braided rivers in Canterbury as a target in the CWMS. There needs to be a rethink on the 11,000 odd hectares of formerly undeveloped or forested river margin (braidplain) that has been converted to intensive agricultural use since early 1990. Of course roading infrastructure needs to be addressed but so do the practicalities of farming in areas that are vulnerable when braided rivers do their natural thing. If we are going to be rated to deal with effects of the last flood, spend it on future orientation not propping up activities that are inappropriate.

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?

See above.

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

I don't have a preference

Any other comments on flood protection in Ashburton?

No

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

Yes

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email

Word of mouth

News article
