

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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Woolston, 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?

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.

Climate justice. This option targets those who would benefit the most, especially at a time when living costs are skyrocketing. We know that many low income families, particularly those who face other systemic injustice, are more likely to miss out on vital services like a GP visit because they can't afford to get there, as well as facing barriers to accessing education, employment and recreation because of transport costs. I also support this option because it has the greatest expected patronage increase and the greatest expected level of emissions savings. I would definitely be happy to pay the extra rates for these, and rates should be progressive so that those like me who can afford it, pay more.

Any other comments on bus fares?

I really like the simple fares in Christchurch, and the daily fare cap - so much clearer and more affordable than Wellington and Auckland, even for those of us who wouldn't directly benefit from the option I'm supporting above.

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?

Tax the rich!! Us high income people are responsible for far more than our fair share of emissions, driving climate-change-fueled adverse weather events, so we should pay more for mitigation, adaptation and repair/clean-up from such events

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?

Progressive rates - 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?

I don't know enough to comment

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?

More frequent public transport services. Ecosystem restoration and protection including wetlands. On-farm emissions reduction work, and whatever else the scientists predict will have the biggest impact on emissions reduction and saving species from threat or extinction.

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

Tax the rich! COVID has seen, once again, the rich get richer and the poor get poorer (see Bernard Hickey's analysis on this). Increase rates for those of us who can afford them.

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

Please ramp up action on climate change as fast as humanly possible. We've had 30 years of campaigns and calls to take action, and our emissions are still bloody rising. I've already decided not to have children because of the potential climate catastrophe that we face if we don't take action - we need to

act immediately and urgently so that my friends' kids, my future nieces and nephews have a chance at living a healthy, happy life on a livable planet. There is no more time to waste - be bold, we are desperate for it.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
