

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

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Suburb

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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?

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 2: \$2 flat fare for adults and \$1.20 for children across bus zones 1, 2 and 3

Tell us more about why you support the selected bus fare option.

None of the above. I believe that people that use the bus should pay the full fare and receive no subsidies. I use a car but walk or bike short distances to save on petrol and save the environment. We all facing increased costs during covid and my wages do not go up 24 percent.

Any other comments on bus fares?

The people that use the bus should bear the full costs. We are facing huge economic demands on our money at this period of time. Any increases should only be to inflation which is 7 percent at the moment.

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

Yes

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

The costs should be shared by all ratepayers equally. However, those that live in flood-prone areas should bear higher costs since it is their choice to live in those areas.

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?

This is a cost that should be borne by the central government. The roads, and bridges of national importance affect the economic outcome of the whole country.

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?

The bridges and main roads are the responsibility of the central government and should not be put on local rate payers. However, people that build in areas more prone to flooding should pay for it.

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?

Cleaning up of our rivers but the polluters such as nitrogen levels. Not put on all ratepayers that are on lower incomes. I class myself as one.

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

The businesses or activities have to bear the cost of such funding. The business that uses huge amounts of water have to be held accountable

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

I personally believe that climate change will bring about some tough decisions for local councils. However, at this point in time ratepayers cannot afford these huge demands on our finances. Industries that are contributing to climate change should bear more of the costs. Dairy is a good example of huge pollution problems due to nitrogen which increases the loss of life. However, they are not taking responsibility. I am taking responsibility by walking on short trips and thinking about how I make contributions. Yes, we have to face this climate change head-on but not subsidization of bus fares. People are going to have to make personal choices that benefit the environment.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

News article
