

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?

65+ 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.

The groups being targeted are (a) most likely to need financial assistance, and (b) are most likely to continue using buses over the long term having seen how convenient and relatively cheap they can be.

Any other comments on bus fares?

An absolute necessity for within the 4-Aves is the return of the free (or 'gold coin' shuttle bus service. The city cannot continue to allow housing without on-site parking without giving inner city residents a low cost option for getting around their 'neighbourhood'. The shuttle would also encourage outlying suburban residents to leave their cars at home and rely on free or low cost transport around the inner city. Whatever the cost, it is worth doing: for the residents, the businesses, the city at large, and, most importantly, the environment. If the city can afford to spend \$50m on 5000 unneeded and surely under-utilised stadium seats, then an effective Shuttle would be a bargain no matter what its cost. It would be used every day by people from all groups--unlike the extra and horrendously expensive stadium seats.

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

Don't know

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?

URGENT: Save existing trees throughout Canterbury (and within the City) and plant more (natives preferably--absorb carbon over a much longer time frame). Reduce the need for cars to come into the city and roam around the city--an obvious step to take it to provide a free or nearly free inner city

Shuttle, 7 days per week. Put a levy on car ownership (first one free, second and more to be taxed using engine size to calculate a graduated annual payment). Require all new commercial and residential buildings to meet the highest eco/environmental standards. Stop building new roads--they only encourage more cars. The continual suburban creep outwards must stopped. It makes no sense to compromise inner city living by 'forcing' unworkable density rules (eg, the proposed enable 10 stories in inner city residential zones) and still allow developers to build on rural land under the guise of a city housing shortage. This is type of city sprawl just compounds current environmental and infrastructure problems. It must stop.

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

Bold steps much be taken, including, if necessary, things like carless days, a milage tax on total kms driven each year, and so forth. We are beyond the 'discussion' stage.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Environment Canterbury website
