

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.

Auckland trialled free bus fares last year and saw a 21% increase in patronage. Many other cities around the world already have free public transport, recognising that this is part of an equitable climate response, as it reduces the impact of travel costs on low income users and families. I would like to see public transport made completely free in New Zealand, but fares-free options are still a step in the right direction and would be much better than what we have now, which is not equitable. Low-income households currently spend a large portion of their income on transport. Affordable transport options have positive impacts on health and wellbeing; education; employment and social life. It's a no-brainer.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Affordable fares must be paired with greater frequency, coverage and reliability, for the system to work as well as it could and actually help the Canterbury region reduce its comparatively high transport emissions. Very pleased to see ECan proposing to trial fare free and affordable options!!

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?

Public transport (reduced fares or free); wetland restoration and other biodiversity / regeneration projects; renewable energy; waste reduction projects. Anything else that will reduce emissions (without placing the burden on low income households or individuals).

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

PLEASE DO MUCH MORE.

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

I'm a rate payer, and extremely concerned about climate change. All governments (local, regional and central) need to massively step up their response. Really please to see ECan proposing a climate levy and affordable / free public transport.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Word of mouth
