

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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Last name

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Spreydon, Christchurch

Phone number

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

No, I'm submitting as an individual

Which age category are you in?

15– 24 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.

I believe free public transport is a must-have for our modern society for many reasons. The primary reason before us is the increasingly drastic effect private transport has upon carbon emissions and climate change -- in regards to this, we must act immediately. Another significant reason is that, in a society such as ours where one is routinely expected to travel vast distances in order to make a living, there is currently little support for those that struggle to financially sustain such a lifestyle. Free public transport is one of many NECESSARY moves to close the huge gap in this country between the "lower" and "middle" classes. Free public transport benefits everybody. Nobody loses from this. Now is the time.

Any other comments on bus fares?

They are altogether unnecessary as funding can be amassed through other means that disadvantage the public to a lesser extent. Of course, the public should always be our number one priority.

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

Don't know

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

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
