

From: Environment Canterbury
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To: Have your Say
Subject: Submission on draft Annual Plan 2022/23

Ants just submitted 'Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 submission' with the responses below.

First name

Ants

Last name

Field

Email address

Suburb

Halswell, Christchurch

Phone number

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 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.

Transport is a HUGE part of our emissions profile. Great to try different options and lets see which increases bus usage, thus lowering private car usage.

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

No

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

We must stand back and realise that we have changed our environment and our weather by polluting. Climate change is a direct result of climate emissions and thus, those who emit must be charged for the follow on effects of their actions. Why should everyday ratepayers with a responsible, low emissions lifestyle have to face high rates when they have not caused this ? Why should those with a high pollution lifestyle not face the consequences for their actions ??

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?

Tax carbon and other climate change gasses. This fund will need to increase in time to cover the HUGE costs of this dangerous pollution. Thus high carbon items will be more expensive and hopefully most people will start to avoid them. This is leadership and good governance. We need it now, not in 10 or 15 years time.

Which option for distribution of rates in Ashburton River rating district do you support?

Option 1 (preferred): Redistribute rates in the Ashburton River rating district.

Any other comments on flood protection in Ashburton?

Those who live in low lying areas should pay more for this choice, however those who have polluted and continue to pollute should also face higher costs for this choice as it is them who are changing our environment!!

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 and safer, low carbon transport options for people and businesses. We MUST reduce our carbon emissions as fast, and as much as possible. More cycle lanes - the ones we have are great and I use them a lot, Thank you. We need to get more people out of their cars. Cycling is easy, it is healthy and it now there are e-bikes for those who need to go further or don't feel fit enough. Electric cars are an option for some too, however their environmental footprint is HUGE compared to the humble e-bike. Aside from transport, home heating and water heating should be encouraged to be low carbon. Why do we even allow burning of gas to heat hot water when the sun can do this most of the year ? Electricity should retain the low user rate, it is criminal to remove this. House insulation and solar electricity should be encouraged on older houses and essential for all new house builds.

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

We are in a Climate Emergency. Sadly much of our population does not recognise this and certainly most do not act like this. Education is key to this and this message must be consistently broadcast by all forms of governance or the status quo will continue. Sadly most people are not doing as much as they could. People need to realise that every small action does add up. People need to be encouraged to do as much as they can, and to inspire friends and relatives to also do as much as they can. Lets try to retain a livable planet, for it is the only one we have!

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email

Meeting or event

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)

Environment Canterbury website
