

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Friday, 1 April 2022 10:01 am
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

Sheryl

Last name

Rule

Email address

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 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.

If there is to be a change then I believe all users (exceptions as per stated in your information) should take responsibility to pay something toward the cost of their travel. I live in North Canterbury and though would qualify under Community Services free travel I do not agree with the idea of free travel. I DO NOT think free travel is in the best interests of people having to be accountable for how to manage their finances and take responsibility for everyday necessities, which in turn eventually disempowers people. If everything is provided free then it creates an 'entitlement society' which is already within this current age and does nothing to encourage people to stand up and care for themselves. I DO NOT believe the rate payers should have to pay for the entire transport social burden, shared responsibility empowers and delivers better social structures. This has been discussed so many times over the years, yet we continue to ignore the words; responsibility and accountability as though they are taboo. Though you have presented the change may contribute to reducing carbon (which I am indeed pleased to read and believe shared transport can contribute to). Realistically I doubt providing free transport will deliver to the extent you have declared given you are targeting areas of society who possibly already use your service though perhaps not as effectively as one would hope. I do not want to be a huge burden to ratepayers knowing I could contribute even if it is a small way by paying a reduced bus fare to enable me to travel. Though we have a car I try to use your bus service as much as possible for reasons you have outlined, one bus instead of many cars to town/or within the North Canterbury communities, creates less congestion, less carbon emissions therefore you can acknowledge I believe and use your transport options. However, I DO NOT THINK FREE travel will benefit people's ability to take ownership of their responsibilities. Therefore, I believe the \$2 is a wonderful balance of caring for those who need help to travel while also giving them/me the chance to take ownership of dealing with their/my responsibilities to society and in your case the business. It provides ratepayers an opportunity to support their community without taking on ALL the debt this will incur while providing more opportunities for those needing to travel with an incentive to purchase their Bus Metro Card knowing their \$20 will cover 10 trips which is a huge plus!!

Would you support a levy to accelerate action in response to climate change?

No

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Email

Environment Canterbury website

News article

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)

Print ad or billboard
