

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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Lyttelton, Lyttelton

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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?

Yes

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 that free fares for all is an essential step required to help address climate change, so option 1 represents the best step towards this

Any other comments on bus fares?

Living in Lyttelton, I would also love to see an option where if someone is taking the bus with a bike just through the tunnel, that there is a free fare option for this to go through the tunnel and be dropped off at the Gondola to bike from there (or vice versa, if a cyclist is picked up at the Gondola it would be great to have a free fare back into Lyttelton. Also, there is an issue in that e-Bikes are not meant to be put on the bus racks due to their weight, so it would be great to allow e-bike users to wheel their bikes on if they are going to get off at the gondola too. It would be wonderful if we could trial this over a six month period with the option to continue this if it is successful.

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

Yes

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

I think the rate repayment should be targeted - i.e. properties in flood management/flood prone areas should have higher rates to reflect the increased risk. We also need to look at managed retreat from highly flood prone areas as the costs of flood protection work will mount higher and higher over coming decades.

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?

For general flood recovery like this, increased rates seems to be a simple option. For locally specific infrastructure (e.g. Flockton basin), this should have targeted rate increases in those affected areas.

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.

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?

Free bus fares for all. Investment to move all buses to electric. Improvement in bus frequency to improve reliability of the service. Pedestrianizing the central city and making it less convenient to drive in. A cycle option through the Lyttelton tunnel. Native forest regeneration across Waitaha.

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

Please act now, decisively and swiftly! It's really good that these ideas are on the table and I thank you for taking some bold steps but I fear they are not enough and not soon enough.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Word of mouth
