

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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Suburb

No Answer

Phone number

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

No, I'm submitting as an individual

Which age category are you in?

65+ 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.

People in these groups are on low incomes and public transport may be their only choice.

Any other comments on bus fares?

Ideally all bus travel could be free, bus fares need to be at a level to encourage regular use. For those travelling daily to work, especially low income workers, bus fares can be a substantial sum every week.

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?

Increase the special flood protection rate.

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?

We must have programmes in place to reduce emissions nation wide and disttrict wide, thi s is urgent. This is the connection to funding public transport so reducing the number of cars on the roads. Ratepayers must understand the connection between flooding and increasing greenhouse gas

emissions. In particular farmers in this district must recognise large herds means large ghg emissions. To reduce those herd sizes must be reduced. This means stopping supplementary feeding and reducing fertiliser. ECan must lobby the government to include farming in the ETS and encourage farmers to adopt regenerative measures.

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?

I would like to see programmes in place to inform and encourage communities to make changes in their lifestyles at the household level, to reduce emissions. ECan could collaborate with CCC to fund communities to do this work. People are concerned about climate change but are unsure of what they should do. Nature based solutions, funding tree planting, trapping predators and browsers in native forest, protecting wetlands and regenerative farming all encourage carbon sequestration. It is very concerning the CCC are removing funding from sustainability projects. Encouraging local food production both at household level and small grower level, increases food security and reduces road freight, Canterbury could be self sufficient in basic food production.

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

How is the money from the ETS used to reduce emissions, can some of this be tied to programmes in different regions.

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

Canterbury soils are totally unsuited to dairy farming and the intensive milk production is taking too much water from rivers and increasing pollution from nitrates and phosphates. ECan could work with Lincoln University to ensure agriculture students understand the unsustainability of dairying, the need to reduce herd numbers, to reduce irrigation, to return to clover pasture and to stop importing palm kernel extender to understand the principles of regenerative farming to protect the soils and the rivers,

lakes and wetlands. ECan must set safe maximum levels of nitrate in the rivers and have much better monitoring and enforcement of standards.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)

Word of mouth
