

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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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?

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.

This option would be of greater benefit to the target groups in Christchurch than elsewhere in Canterbury, because Christchurch is also where the majority of bus routes exist. Option 2 looks good for outlying areas, but the limited number of buses - particularly express routes - means it would not impact passenger numbers in the same way. It is also well-demonstrated that people with the means to travel by private vehicle will not switch to PT simply because it might be cheaper - they prefer and can choose convenience. More vulnerable socioeconomic groups may not have that choice in the first place, and will be hit first by energy poverty as fuel costs rise.

Any other comments on bus fares?

More bums on seats would be great, however for Selwyn and Waimakariri this would also require a more comprehensive network - even in Christchurch, to be honest. I sincerely hope that whichever option you choose will be successful in increasing PT use, because that's what it will take to convince central government to invest in the wider network, which is desperately needed for climate action.

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 am far from being an expert, but it's depressing to see additional quarries applying for consents when there is gravel building up in and around the rivers. I know that this source is not ideal for various purposes, however it is available and serves a wider purpose.

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?

To some extent there should be a national climate mitigation fund of some sort, but with some delegation to regional councils - decisions made in Wellington aren't always transparent or cognisant of local needs. For flooding in Canterbury rivers - particularly major ones - has any thought been given to some kind of co-governance along the awa and land use within the floodplains?

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?

Don't just think about the Hakatere/Ashburton; there are several other rivers not adequately managed under the current system, e.g. Waikirikiri/Selwyn and tributaries.

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?

Continue to support Community Energy Action, and perhaps help extend their energy assessment work to businesses and commercial landlords. Support for smaller councils to prep climate strategies - qualified staff are thin on the ground when many positions are already generalists, and consultants are \$\$\$\$\$\$, so perhaps something like shared services? More MyWay or shuttle trials in suitable locations, e.g. Ashburton. Could this levy have a role in funding regional passenger rail, or at least helping with the work necessary to achieve it?

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

So much work, so little time; so much present-day \$\$\$ needed, so many generations who will pay far more than \$\$\$ if we don't.

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

Thank you to staff and councillors for doing so much work, and for allowing the public the opportunity to be heard.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Environment Canterbury website
Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
News article
Email
Meeting or event
Word of mouth
