

From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Monday, 4 April 2022 8:56 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

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Suburb

South New Brighton, Christchurch

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 3: Tertiary student concession

Tell us more about why you support the selected bus fare option.

I do not support any of the proposed options. I selected Option 3 as it is already decided through the LTP. There should be an option to 'remain at current rates'. The proposed increase does not benefit me at all without significantly reworking the public transport network.

Any other comments on bus fares?

I expect that the council can run an efficient, cheap and user-driven bus service for the current annual budget of \$100M. My current contribution to PT is ample given that the network does not provide an adequate service for me. Currently it would take me over an hour on a bus from home to the city. Why would I waste 2hrs of my day on PT? The entire bus network needs to be re-worked. Eg. - Smaller buses that are EV. - More routes that improve efficiency and take people where they need to go. - Increase the frequency. - Increase 'direct routes', and 'limited stop' routes at peak times, and for specific routes. - Reduce / eliminate the need to transfer buses to get into the city.

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?

A combined approach is important. - Borrow and repay through rates transfers [DO NOT increase rates when you need emergency funding]. - Draw a small percentage from current rates into a Climate Change Response fund, and start building up a bank balance. - Buy insurance now. - Invest in flood protection schemes [native vegetation, man-made flood banks, surge protection measures etc] - Stop allowing infrastructure to go into low lying areas.

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?

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

I don't have a preference

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

Don't know

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

In principle I support this approach, however ECan has not provided enough detail in the proposal for me to select 'Yes'. I'm wondering why your current budget is not enough to do what is required. I'm wondering how many pet projects might be taking up valuable funds. Please consider redistributing your current budget on these 'nice to have' projects across to more important work such as climate change.

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

Raising rates by this amount is undesirable. It appears Council have many pet projects that they are looking to push forward. I really want my regional council to do the legislated work, do it well, do it within the statutory requirements and timeframes, and do it to budget. Anything else is should be considered as a bonus and not prioritised above your statutory requirements. Eg. I don't support any more initiatives like 're-painting all the buses' to create a brand. Christchurch residents don't really care about the colour of a bus if it doesn't arrive on time, or take them where they need to go. Focus on the right stuff and the right time.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Postcard
