

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 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.

Personally I feel free fares for any entire group will put stress on the bus system, but that is up to you. Rather than a blanket discount, I would think about why people don't use the bus. The user is already saving money as a single person, it is when there is more than one that the car becomes a better option. Consider making the second person free instead. Also what can you do that might not cost you anything to incentivize using the bus. Get a stamp for discounted tickets on the gondola or New Brighton hot pools for example. Perhaps go to the from section at free events in the park if you ride the bus to get there, etc. Give riding the bus some prestige which it is lacking. I do ride the bus regularly because I can afford the extra time. It generally takes 2 or 3 times as long to get somewhere, so you will need to make that worthwhile until people can no longer afford the petrol. .

Any other comments on bus fares?

Yes, other comments, not specifically about the fares... The bus system is not currently reliable. Drivers sometimes drive by, or there might be no bus at all at the scheduled time. Consider some way of compensating someone when they encounter poor service, and post the advantages on the outside of buses, so people will see them while they are sitting in cars.

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?

Flooding is likely to become a regular and more significant event. Assume that it could happen annually and budget for this, Then have a surplus if it doesn't happen instead of compounding debt.

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?

I do not understand the relative scope of these cost well enough to answer. Off the top of my head - Perhaps select an annual monthly or weekly maintenance that could be done less for a period of time, even years. perhaps there is less bureaucracy required in specific areas. It might be a good time to review the budget. Otherwise perhaps a car tax. An annual payment per car if you aim is to deter the usage.

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?

People's rates should reflect the risk if this is desirable property. If not higher costs will deter the casual spread. As we have learned in Christchurch, some areas are better not to build on.

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?

You'll need to be more specific, you seem to be raising payments without a reason defined. We know it is going to cost money, but we are not sure why. How about some prevention... Name what you would do about it.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Other (please specify) - The postcard in my rates envelope.
