

From: School Strike 4 Climate C :@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 4 April 2022 8:30 pm
To: Have your Say
Subject: Re: Contact us [#15707] Email-052402016

Kia ora Teresa,

Thanks for your reply. I submitted it under my name but I chose the option that said that I was submitting on behalf of an organisation and I put School Strike 4 Climate Ōtautahi in the organisation name text box. I also put this email in the email text box. Using the same name as my individual submission or the macron in Ōtautahi might have tripped the system up, Oh well.

Here's our submission:

Q.9) Which bus fare structure option would you like to see trialled?
OPTION 1

Q.10) Tell us more about why you support the selected bus fare option.

Kia Ora, We are School Strike 4 Climate Ōtautahi. We are a group of mainly High school students from across the City. We're all invested in making sure we live in a sustainable future. We mainly run strikes, but we also hold tree plantings and other events which get the youth of today involved in democracy.

We wholeheartedly support making fares free for under 25s, students, Total Mobility and Community Services cardholders. In Ōtautahi, 53% of our carbon dioxide emissions come from transport. An equitable, accessible public transport system is vital if we are to meet our goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050. A major barrier to accessibility and equity is the cost of public transport fares. For many people in Ōtautahi, it is still cheaper and more convenient to travel in a private car, despite the ownership costs, the harmful emissions, and the increased congestion this causes.

Becoming less car-centric will also benefit the city by making land use more efficiently. Currently, so much land is required just for parking lots. These dead spaces aren't generating nearly enough tax revenue for the city compared to if they were filled with densely packed retail spaces. If we encourage more people out of their cars and into busses, the need for car parks will decrease, therefore generating more tax revenue for the city.

A lot of people in our community catch the bus to and from school. For many people the fare, while small, adds up over time taking away money for other costs. Getting rid of this small fee not only decreases emissions and the number of cars on the road, but it also makes education more accessible for those in need. Another advantage is that teenagers would be more likely to get out and about to hang out with friends improving both mental and physical health.

By making public transport free for these groups ECAN is removing this barrier and helping to make it easier for more people to choose a more sustainable transport option. It also signals ECAN's commitment to lowering Ōtautahi's emissions. The climate crisis is happening now and now is the time to support people to choose sustainable transport. We cannot afford to wait.

Q.11) Any other comments on bus fares?

We think that getting rid of the cost is a good start, but to truly reduce the number of cars on the road, it needs to be made convenient to catch the bus as well. Why would you catch the bus when the busses take too long to get anywhere because they get stuck in traffic? In this case, riding a private vehicle would be more convenient because you can take your own route and avoid the traffic. For a city to be truly developed and sustainable, people from all walks of life, no matter how rich or poor should be catching the busses.

We also think that there should be commuter trains to and from Ōtautahi so people from the neighbouring cities can catch a train in and contribute to Ōtautahi's economy. It is ridiculous that wellington and Auckland both have thriving commuter train networks whilst ours is just a tourist attraction.

Topic Four: proposing a climate change levy

Q.17 (Would you support a levy to accelerate action in response to climate change?)

YES

We would also like to present at the hearings. All other questions can be left blank.

Thanks for letting us have our say despite the technical difficulties, we look forward to presenting at the hearings,

Ngā mihi,
Nicholas Dewhurst
On behalf of SS4C Ōtautahi

On Mon, 4 Apr 2022 at 16:45, Have your Say

wrote:

Kia ora Nicholas,

Thanks for getting in touch. I can see your personal submission, but unfortunately the submission for School Strike 4 Climate isn't coming up when I do a search.

Did you submit on their behalf with your details? If so, would you mind sending it through to us again?

Ngā mihi,

Teresa

From: Customer Services
Sent: Monday, 4 April 2022 3:55 pm
To: Have your Say [_____](#)
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Hi Team,

Is someone able to confirm that we have received this annual plan submission?

Thanks

Maysie

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From: [no-reply](#)
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To: ECINFO
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Provide detail of your enquiry here *	Kia ora, I've made a submission on the Annual Plan on behalf of School School Strike 4 Climate and we haven't recieved a confirmation email yet. Has our submission come through? Thanks, Nicholas Dewhurst
Name *	Nicholas Dewhurst
Your contact phone number. We will call you during working hours if we need more information. *	

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