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Topic One Option 2 - \$2 Adult \$1 child flat fare. We need to pay something for the service otherwise we don't take any responsibility for it. \$1 for children is easier and more straightforward to manage

Topic two More trains need to be used for freight and travel and they would need to provide for repair of their bridges etc. The Government's National Emergency Management Agency should continue to co- fund significant recovery work.

Yes I do support the proposed redistribution of rates for flood protection in the Ashburton district.

Topic three. There is a big problem because the dairy industry has had huge financial input into NZ Economy but sheer greed has seen the huge dairy herds which has increased so much irrigation and much more greenhouse gas produced. I believe that the dairy numbers need to significantly reduce here in Canterbury, but we also need to acknowledge the contribution that the growing grass makes to the environment. Grass has a better rate of using carbon dioxide into the soil than exotic plantations that can only be replanted for three to five times before the land is completely useless. Grass continues to produce oxygen as long as it's in the soil and I believe it uplifts carbon as well as if not better than pine trees etc. Farmers are being blamed for many things (and sometimes rightly so), but please give them credit for what grass contributes. With the pressure going on farmers, many will consider giving up producing food and wool in NZ and then where will we get our food from, and much more greenhouse gas will be emitted transporting expensive food from somewhere else. This factor is as important if not more than the climate change problem we have. NZ is a wonderful country, and we need a lot broader thinking than we have at the moment and a working together and listening with open minds without radicalising our school children with fear for their existence.

Enough said as I think you are listening with preconceived ideas!

R Griffith