

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 16 March 2022 10:25 am  
**To:** Have your Say  
**Subject:** Submission on draft Annual Plan 2022/23

Tessa just submitted 'Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 submission' with the responses below.

**First name**

Tessa

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**Last name**

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Halswell, Christchurch

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**Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?**

No, I'm submitting as an individual

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**Which age category are you in?**

40-64 years old

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**Do you wish to speak to your submission at a Council hearing?**

No

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**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

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

Getting young people onto buses and encouraging them to keep using buses once they are old enough to drive is key to creating adults who use buses regularly and see this as the more efficient and practical way to travel. Travel choice is learned behaviour. Once people get into cars it is hard to get them back into public transport. If we can get young people using buses into early adulthood, this is the best chance of increasing bus use across all ages into the future.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

Regardless of any other change I think community service card holders should have discounted fares. As a community vulnerable to any increase in petrol prices etc buses should be financially accessible to this group as they are the most likely to be dependant on this service.

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**Is borrowing and repaying through general rates the right approach for this regionally significant event?**

Don't know

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**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?**

There should be a fund that collects monies until such a time that it is needed (like eqc). This could cover all natural disaster scenarios. Perhaps a climate change response fund, or such.

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

I don't have a preference

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

Yes

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

Fully support any funding to reduce use of private transport and create more sustainable housing.

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