

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 16 March 2022 10:25 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.

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**Last name**

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**Suburb**

Riccarton, Christchurch

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**Phone number**

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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?**

15– 24 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 2: \$2 flat fare for adults and \$1.20 for children across bus zones 1, 2 and 3

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

Although targeted fare-free areas will be epic for said targeted demographics, I believe a flat-fare would be a more inclusive option and would promote things like commuting to work in demographics that otherwise would not be included in option 1. In conjunction with rising fuel prices, I think this is by far the better option as it includes the entirety of the Christchurch population rather than just specific demographics.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

A question would be - would the \$2 apply only for MetroCard holders? I believe that a flat fare for MetroCard holders AND cash holders would be good idea as well, as that initial hurdle with the public transport system is that most people a) don't know how it works/if it will work for them, and b) in order for them to figure that out, they need to use cash fares initially, of which \$4 is too much (in my opinion) for a single fare. I believe this is in part why so many people do not use the bus system.

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

Yes

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**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.

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

Yes

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**What current or future projects or activities would you like to see funded by such a levy?**

Reduced public transport costs, rates based on what the house is actively doing to respond to climate change (i.e., solar, selling excess to the grid etc), increased planting of natives in Christchurch's many green spaces.

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**Where did you hear about the consultation?**

Email

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