

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 16 March 2022 11:26 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.

**First name**

Jay

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**Last name**

Becker

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Rolleston, Rolleston

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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?**

Yes

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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.**

I come from an area with students and friends alike who all use the bus as much as I do to get into town or get to school, and even though I may be almost 17, I am not oblivious to the financial strain it puts on their families. For some of my friends, catching the bus isn't a privilege they can always count on for education, either because their parents cannot afford to spare the money, or because they need to put it towards other necessities. I feel as though especially for youth in New Zealand, educational opportunities shouldn't be limited to if a person can or cannot pay for the transport to get there. I also believe that bus fares are crucial to upbringing. Many of the older generation would complain and compare our youth to theirs, saying that we are growing in a privileged environment and aren't meeting the standards that they did, but you need to understand and put in place the current mental wellbeing of our youth. I have met children who are younger than me struggling with families, struggling with school, and struggling with themselves. Unable to leave home or go outside for their Haoura, and usually its money that gets in the way of this. I want to see the teens after me and the teens around me develop into healthy hardworking people, but it is hard to do this with all the other variables that are enforced on them.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

Explaining to people what tickets to buy when going from a zone 1 to zone 2 travel could be useful to saving money, I've talked to a lot of my friends who I had found out for ages had been not using the zone system correctly and ended up buying 2-3 seperate tickets instead of 1.

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

Yes

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**How else might we pay for our share of this work?**

A charity event could be a useful thing to do. Because of lockdown, charity parties have been a lot harder to manage, but I know that food trucks or events that involve smaller businesses always help. Maybe trying to regrow the community in the city while making a side profit could be beneficial.

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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?**

Taxing I feel should have a lot more transparency in where a persons money goes, maybe partnering with more things that give residents a 'feel good' feeling whenever they see their money is going to a good cause could lift the strain on higher taxing. Regardless, I feel as though it should be more zone related or if certain places frequent the area it should be more applied to them.

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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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**Any other comments on flood protection in Ashburton?**

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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?**

I want to see products that involve youth. I would like to see more children and more adolescents also involved in the projects of this country. As the future leaders, I feel as though this is a important topic that needs to be taught its full importance to others at a young age.

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

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**Any other comments on Environment Canterbury's draft Annual Plan or other matters?**

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

Word of mouth

Meeting or event

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)

Other (please specify) - My rev at school told me about it, and I asked her to send me a link.

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