

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Monday, 14 March 2022 1:51 pm  
**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**

John

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**Last name**

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Parklands, 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?**

65+ 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.**

I have no use for public transport at present, but being 71 yrs of age and living off a pension I have no means to pay for a 24% increase in rates as indicated.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

Prior to 'rogermomics' Christchurch had an efficient public transport system and someone reinvented the wheel and it has never been as efficient., just like the Drainage Board demise.

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

No

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

ECAN should have established a disaster contingency fund when they constituted.

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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?**

The state should have a disaster contingency fund such as it has for earthquakes.

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

Option 2 (status quo): Keep the current distribution of rates in the Ashburton River rating district.

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

We are always going to have floods and earthquakes and braided rivers need active management. Auckland is having issues with sand mining, might be timely to think about extracting sands from our braided rivers for use further north.

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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?**

Sand abstraction from Canterbury braided rivers.

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

Be mindful that many ratepayers are on fixed-incomes/pensions and have no means of paying for rate increases.

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

The 24% increase is unaffordable.

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**If you would like to give feedback via video, add a link to YouTube clip or Dropbox file below**

No.

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

Radio

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