

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Sunday, 13 March 2022 1:35 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**

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**Suburb**

Ilam, 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?**

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 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.**

Encouraging and increasing use of the public transport system (especially by one of the most mobile demographics) would have a great impact on Aotearoa's effect on climate change and environmental damage. A changed bus fare structure would also save students, younger people (and by extension, families), and those in need of financial assistance a great amount of money, as the current Christchurch bus fares are abhorrently expensive for these groups of people; money which could go towards savings for first home buyers, as well as general quality of life improvements. Due to Christchurch's lack of a train service, the bus system is the only option, and when compared to other major cities with train systems such as Wellington and Auckland, Christchurch still has far more expensive fares for short - medium distance travel. Last of all, the change would also allow those who are unable to drive, bike, or walk far distances far more independence and freedom of mobility, as for these people it is often financially unrealistic to utilise the current transport system at the frequency they require.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

A change to bus fares is desperately needed, any of the changes proposed achieve this to a degree and any would be preferred over nothing changing. However, option 1 is by far the most effective in making a change that would really be felt.

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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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**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?**

As long as the levy is weighted based on income and effective wealth so as not to further impact the financial situations of those of lower socioeconomic status/who are already struggling, especially with the cost of living increasing significantly in recent times.

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

Word of mouth

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