

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Saturday, 12 March 2022 10:52 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**

Tyler

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**Last name**

Watson

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Lincoln, Lincoln

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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?**

25-39 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.**

I commute every day from Lincoln into the city (near the hospital) and take my bike on the bus 4 out of 5 days of the week. The bus fare at the moment is only marginally cheaper than driving. I feel that the majority of people who commute into the city by themselves would be people in my age range who can drive and afford the petrol. If there was a greater financial incentive to get them out of their cars, they may be more prepared to deal with the slight inconveniences of busing (having to work around a timetable, topping up your card, longer travel time, less direct travel route). Getting these people out of cars and onto buses will help reduce congestion at peak travel times, greenhouse gas emissions, and provide more regular income for Council and the bus operators. I feel that tertiary students, those under 25, and Community Services cardholders are already motivated to consider public transport as an option since either they can't drive, can't afford a car, would consider ride-sharing, or are trying to save on transport costs.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

As soon as you make something free, there is a risk that people will not value that thing and lose respect for it. I think having a very small cost still makes people value the bus service, whilst increasing accessibility.

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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 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?**

Due to climate change, events of this type are more likely to occur in the future. I think that Council should be increasing general rates slightly to try and save funds for these future events.

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

Flood and drought protection. Wetland recovery projects. Native forest planting. Bird protection and pest eradication. River rehabilitation. Grants to encourage sustainable farming practices.

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

Climate Change affects everyone so funding this type of action through general rates or an additional levy is entirely appropriate. This needs to be actioned immediately and should be included in the 2022/2023 rating year.

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

Email

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