

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Thursday, 10 March 2022 2:44 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**

Anthony

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**Last name**

Ross

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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?**

40-64 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?**

I don't have a preference

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

I do not support changes to the bus fare scheme, the bus service should be USER PAYS. The full cost of the service must be applied to consumers of this service. The majority of the consumers of this service are likely to be under 25s, students, Total Mobility and Community Services card holders. By making it free for this group of individuals you are effectively pushing the full cost on to taxpayers who do not benefit from it. This is irrational.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

The bus services is pointless and should be abolished, why are ratepayers paying for this underutilised abomination? The bus service should be funded by the users of the service, not people who cannot use the service. We were cut off from the bus route once the southern motor was installed, there is physically no way for us to reach a bus stop. Why on earth would we become the full subsidisers of this service. There are no park and ride services and no train services. By making it free for the people who are the currently using the service, you are cutting your only revenue stream. Who on earth thinks of these half witted schemes? Why are you hell bent on increasing utilisation of this service? It should be scrapped and replaced with Light Rail.

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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?**

Push it on to insurers.

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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?**

Build it to withstand the events in the first instance.

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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?**

No

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

Do not invest in anything now. Focus on the other standards of living issues that the rate payers expect you to prioritise.

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

Do better. Implement light rail. Banish buses. Deter business from putting more trucks on the road (use rail). Hold contractors to higher standards. Do more to prevent damage to our water quality (ban quarrying). Do more about Air quality and noise pollution by restricting CIAL operations and enforcing stricter noise control limits. They are currently breaching their requirements.

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

Word of mouth  
Environment Canterbury website

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