

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 March 2022 11:43 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**

Emily

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**Last name**

Smith

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Christchurch Central, 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?**

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 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.**

Free fares for under 25s has the potential to positively impact the families of those children with free bus fares. If the parents aren't burdened with the bus topup, it will benefit families. Also the tertiary student discount is already coming... Right? That's been a long time coming, and should've already be included.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

Busses are so slow and inconvenient compared to cycling. Some destinations are nearly impossible by bus, and quite speedy by bike. However, we all want more drivers to use busses. I'd be extremely curious to see if the free fare incentivises people out of their cars. For me, bussing is more expensive than driving, and with electric vehicles coming, bussing is going to be a hard sell. The less convenient option has to have an 'up-side', and I think it's worthwhile to do what we can to bring drivers off the road (under 25s is very important, so much of traffic is the school rush).

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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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**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?**

No Answer

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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?**

The improved bike lanes has seen myself and many others make the switch from commuting by car to bike. Large scale projects are worthwhile, and this one particularly has improved my physical and mental wellbeing on top of making the eco-friendly option my default option. In short, anything that helps build Christchurch into a walkable, bikable, interesting city.

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

Climate change is important but complicated. There are always going to be detractors and alternative views. If the climate change project has multifaceted benefits, then community buy-in is easier, and funding is more palatable.

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

Water quality. Please focus on our water quality.

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

Other (please specify) - [Reddit.com/r/chch](https://www.reddit.com/r/chch)

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