

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 March 2022 9:15 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**

Simon

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**Last name**

Fitchett

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Spreydon, 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?**

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.**

With rising populations, congestion and the growing threat of the climate crisis, everything that can be done to promote public transport is of great importance.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

I think public transport should be entirely free. It is not a service that should be about profit and money. Christchurch should be easily liveable as a car-free city. Far more needs to be done to encourage public transport and discourage private motor vehicles as the climate crisis worsens. Making the entire public transport system fare-free would be a good starting point.

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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?**

This work should not be done. Flood protection work is not sustainable as extreme weather events become more common. A managed retreat from flood prone areas should be considered. Ratepayers who choose to live in these high risk flood areas should be made better aware of the risks of these environments and supported in retreating from these areas. Ratepayers in these areas should be solely responsible for costs associated with recovery from flood events in the future.

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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?**

Public transport, coastal and flood zone retreat, local fuel tax, mass plantings, support for moving industries away from agriculture and other highly polluting sectors.

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

The climate crisis is developing very quickly. Drastic and extreme measures are required immediately. Drastic measures may currently be seen as inconvenient and unpopular but anything less will cause our future generations unthinkable suffering.

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

Please consider the generations to come who will find Christchurch inhospitable and uninhabitable due to the current trends of environmental decline. Waterways are polluted and dying, land is being lost to the sea, extreme weather events will continue to worsen and destroy at risk areas, agriculture will suffer. Please think of our future generations and make choices to ensure our people have a successful future in Ōtautahi.

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

Environment Canterbury website

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