

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 March 2022 4:38 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**

Anne

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**Last name**

Gamble

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Mairehau, 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.**

For people with limited funds and who also may be vulnerable members of society, a targeted fare-free approach would make transport affordable to people who may have to prioritise spending and would provide transport options for people who could otherwise not afford it at all. Perhaps most importantly though, it would offer safety in the form of transport which, by being communal, may also avoid vulnerable people being taken advantage of where they might be at risk in a one-on-one situation (such as in a taxi or an Uber). Targeted fare-free would be the best thing Environment Canterbury has done in years for public transport, in my opinion. It would prompt me to use the bus again.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

Targeted fare-free would be a massive positive for the people of Canterbury. I believe it would send the message that "This is your city, you deserve to enjoy living here, and we want to make it easier for you to do so by easing transport costs".

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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?**

Even if you don't think flooding in a particular area affects you because you don't live there, it's important to remember that these things all affect the supply chain, and therefore can affect you. We should all put in for recovery that is going to directly and indirectly affect us.

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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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**Any other comments on flood protection in Ashburton?**

I don't live there so cannot give an informed answer.

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**Would you support a levy to accelerate action in response to climate change?**

Don't know

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

I would need to know what my money would be going towards prior to making a decision.

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

Other (please specify) - University of Canterbury UCSA email

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