

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 March 2022 6:17 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**

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**Last name**

Simpson

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Riccarton, 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?**

15– 24 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.**

Your modelling shows vast and clear differences in the reduction of greenhouse gasses emitted by these three options. Given that we are in a highly urgent climate crisis right now, a situation which is being drastically worsened by our continued failure to take any decisive action and reduce our emissions, I believe we need to do everything in our power to cut our emissions. The existing infrastructure is in place for busses, several are electric, and they are potentially an awesome tool for aiding us in this goal. The potential for dramatic reductions in GHG emissions by option 1 makes it the best in my opinion.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

Students, community card holders and others who benefit from this scheme need to be supported by our wider community. I feel that this option helps to increase the equity around transport costs.

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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 else might we pay for our share of this work?**

No Answer

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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?**

What happens to the profits from busses, road user charges etc? Sorry, I am not knowledgeable on this

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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?**

Biodiversity projects, community group work, cycle ways, increasing protected areas (including marine) - any positive actions not just mitigating the effects of climate change we are likely to feel.

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

Responding is great, but we also need to take preventative action.

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

Other (please specify) - University of Canterbury email about bus fare submissions.

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