

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Sunday, 6 March 2022 8:32 am  
**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**

Lauren

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**Last name**

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Mount Pleasant, 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 2: \$2 flat fare for adults and \$1.20 for children across bus zones 1, 2 and 3

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

To meet sustainability goals, all citizens should be encouraged and incentivised to take public transport. Students and concessions alone will not be enough. I'd be interested to know how these numbers take into account the shift towards remote and hybrid work/ learning.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

The bus fares are affordable but do not present good value. The routes are too long - usually more than double the driving time in my situation. The buses are huge and empty creating unnecessary emissions. The public transport options are disconnected and force me to make lots of small separate route decisions, each with their own costs. The network should allow me to pay to access all transport e.g. electric bikes, scooters etc.

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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?**

Business and developers who contribute to pollution/ removal of the natural environment and flood plain should be taxed.

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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?**

Overhaul of the transport network. Address costs and environmental damage from industrial agriculture. More efficient / warm housing improvements and subsequent efforts to reduce energy. Reducing business energy usage- especially quick wins like turning out all lights and signage outside of business hours.

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

Other (please specify) - Reddit

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