

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Saturday, 5 March 2022 2:38 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**

Grant

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**Last name**

Bowater

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Addington, 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?**

65+ 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.**

Too many Christchurch people love their cars. If the rate payers have to subsidize public transport more, they may well consider doing the math and figure out that what they pay through increased transport levies compared to the savings by not driving everywhere makes it worth it. If they then still continue to drive, well, that is their option, but they have no right to complain about funding a public transport option they have chosen to decline using. Public transport is the best way to reduce congestion and pollution, unless people bike or scooter around. Something has to be done to maintain a viable low-cost public transport. The second option of fixed low-fares would be my second choice.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

Keep the Metro Card.

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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?**

Not sure

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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?**

Not sure

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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?**

N/A

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

No

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

This is an unknown. The climate is indeed changing, but we cannot be sure how or even why. Providing the Council mitigates for weather events (including fire), I believe a "wait-and-see" approach would be prudent.

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

N/A

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

Email

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