

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Thursday, 3 March 2022 1:43 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**

Josiah

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**Last name**

Morgan

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Somerfield, 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?**

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.**

Free fares is a no-brainer to increase uptake in participation and bus usage across the Christchurch public transport network. I do not see how a reduction in fees will encourage more people to use public transport, though I do believe that free buses would increase uptake. I would be far more likely to bus were the fares free. I am equally aware that in my employment (as an arts facilitator for people living with intellectual disability), bus fares are a frequent topic of agitation and contention.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

Bus fares are far too high anyway, and should be reduced for over-25s even if this option is trialled, too.

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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?**

Regionally significant rates.

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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?**

Unknown.

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**Which option for distribution of rates in Ashburton River rating district do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred): Redistribute rates in the Ashburton River rating district.

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

Unknown.

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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?**

I OPPOSE a levy if it is used to fund carbon offsets. I SUPPORT a levy if it is used to generate carbon-neutral activities inclusive of solar panels and the reduction of costs for things like e.g. electric cars. Equally, I SUPPORT a levy that allows us to SHRINK the number of publicly-funded projects that create carbon debt.

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

This should be the primary council issue, viewed as the most important item on the agenda.

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

Email

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