

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Thursday, 3 March 2022 5:29 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**

Benjamin

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**Last name**

Neville

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Burwood, 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.**

The free fares system would be beneficial - however any of the options would benefit me. Having cheaper/free options available for me as a student and young person will assist in alleviating financial struggles that we face as tertiary students - it's certainly helpful but it is not the be all and end all of student financial help and welfare. I believe that any method that helps students be at less risk of financial hardship is a good move, however the free bus fare method would push less people to drive and more to opt for the bus system - thus helping people out financially and also helping out the environment.

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

Option 2 (status quo): Keep the current distribution of rates in the Ashburton River rating district.

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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?**

A focus on actually tackling climate change opposed to using current funds on useless endeavours.

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

It is the MOST important event we face right now - as not facing this will simply lead to the future being worse off and destroying the planet (even more so than we are now), so a focus on actually tackling the climate crisis is needed - although I believe that re-allocating misused or poorly used funds is a better way of tackling the issue opposed to continually increasing rates and costs to the public. We are already being impacted by rising costs of everything (due to NZs spot in the global economy as an exporter and cost taker) so focusing on the financial and mental wellbeings of our own population is more important than anything else.

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

Other (please specify) - MetroInfo website

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