

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Thursday, 3 March 2022 6:34 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**

Rachel

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**Last name**

Cottam

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Halswell, 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?**

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.**

I am in the age range which wouldn't benefit from option 1 and 2. I am a working professional in the CBD and utilizes the buses most of the time. the current fees while good do add up to over 20 dollars a week which can be a bit inconvenience for some when regularly topping up. A 2 dollar flat rate, is fair rate for all and is cheap enough to warrant the use of the bus and outweigh the need for parking (say five dollars or more a day or even free in some areas of town). On a personal note my partner and I have recently reduced to one car for financial and environmental reasons. I think there should be benefits for public transportation which outweigh one vehicle modes (unless cycling). I consider that that the flat rate will encourage more users on the bus and therefore helping Canterbury reduce their carbon emissions more easily and encourage more advance public transportation mechanisms such as light rail 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?**

I am not sure, it might be easier to spread across all rates gradually but will not be a popular option.

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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?**

Rates - we all use these infrastructures and therefore we need pay it forward for these elements. more education on rates should be focused on. unless road tolls could be option. it might be more efficient user pays type.

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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?**

My opinion is land where flooding is a risk need to pay for these rather than persons who have ensured they are located in non-risk locations

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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?**

- public transportation (light rail) and better connectivity of existing buses (avoiding multiple bus changes); - initiatives for households and businesses to reduce carbon emissions if possible; - initiatives to reduce one person vehicles (cars) - more tree cover in metropolitan areas

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

Do whatever you can as this is vitally important.

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

Email

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