

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Thursday, 3 March 2022 8:36 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**

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**Suburb**

Riccarton, 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 think the option chosen has to be the most attractive to any age wanting to save money (on petrol) and reduce their carbon footprint. While under 25s would be good, I think working adults are a better target. Students often live near the university and I'm not convinced they'd utilize free travel. A \$2 flat fare would hopefully encourage everyone to bus more.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

Ideally I'd love them to be free. As patronage dropped after the quake, with climate change looming, we need to do everything possible to encourage bus use.

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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?**

I don't know but I'm really reluctant to see more rate rises :( I didn't want to pay for the cathedral, which was optional, but this isn't optional and is probably more important.

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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?**

I'm not sure, but rather than lots of money didn't reactively for damage from extreme weather event I really want to see more money go into planning, and proactively mitigating the expenses in the future. I.e. more money for urgent measures for the climate emergency - should people move from flood prone areas, should infrastructure be upgraded to cope with future events? Do roads and bridges need permanent moves to more suitable locations?

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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?**

Please prepare the future proactively and in an environmentally friendly and sustainable way.

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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?**

Free buses and expand back to better bus network, the return of the free electric yellow shuttle, continue the cycle lane work, light rail or better buses for Darfield, West Melton etc, anything to get people out of their cars.

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

I'm very reluctant to say yes to a levy because I don't understand why it is needed to create extra money for this. We're in a climate emergency and surely funding for accelerating climate change action is the number one priority right now????

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

No

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

Email

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