

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 2 March 2022 2:07 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**

Mark

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**Last name**

Watson

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**Email address**

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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?**

40-64 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.**

1. Making it free for school and tertiary students encourages more bus use, and sets habits for continuing to use the buses once aged over 25. 2. Making it free to CS and TM helps towards fairer access to facilities for those groups.

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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?**

I don't have a preference

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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?**

Education and advice/assistance for both industry and community on how to work towards greater sustainability

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

The levy should be in the form of wide ranging pollution "taxes": wherever an activity negatively affects the environment (and/or impacts on climate change), the price of that activity needs to reflect its

impact. The taxes should be introduced at a low level, and regularly increased, so as to signal to people that change is needed. So: region-wide taxes on non-renewable fuels (eg petrol, diesel, coal); region-wide taxes on synthetic fertiliser (which creates greenhouse gases); region-wide taxes on non-renewable packaging (the manufacture and disposal of this causes greenhouse gases), etc. Part of the income from the levies should be used to subsidise ECan rates for low income people, so they are not unduly disadvantaged by increasing costs for unavoidable expenditure.

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

Postcard

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