

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Thursday, 24 March 2022 10:03 am  
**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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**Last name**

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**Suburb**

Wakanui, Ashburton

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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?**

Prefer not to say

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**Do you wish to speak to your submission at a Council hearing?**

No

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**Tell us more about why you support the selected bus fare option.**

none of the bus fare options are suitable

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

ecan is an organization that is unable to run a successful public transport as can be seen by the losses that the bus companies has incurred under ecan therefore they should resign from running any commuter services in the community because they waste insurmountable amounts of money.

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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?**

ecan needs to reduce their staff numbers by at least 60% because their is far to many people with impractical skills to manage our rivers and waterways with the saving in wages and salaries would go a long way for funding practical and sensible river management. Removing shingle for construction and roads etc would be a far better use of a natural resource protecting the rivers and surrounding areas and remove the need to open shingle pits on farm land which would be better used for food production and without the complaints of nearby residents, this method has been done in the past for many years with no harm to the rivers or surrounding areas in flooding events which have occurred in the past as regards to paying for our share for this work it would be better for the whole community to pay an equal levy because the whole community can be affected not just a few individuals living or working near waterways, city people also use these waterways for work and play.

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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?**

with the incompetency of ecan and its managers and management these people should be made to resign their jobs immediately because they have not understood impractical terms what they are doing to our community they play god with other peoples lives and then just walk away and then send the bill with no regard to the people that they have affected. The 21 flooding that occurred in Ashburton river would have been far better managed by local people rather than ecan because there are too may river managers unable to make a decision and have no conscience for their actions before and after but are quite happy to pass the buck to the rate payer so all rate payers including Christchurch should pay the same amount and by reducing ecans staff numbers by 60% a considerable saving will be made for funding these events in the future. Ecan has become an employment agency to shuffle paper and send bills with no practical knowledge of the damage they are doing to the environment.

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

I do not agree with the distribution rates, the rates levy for the rivers should be equal for all properties in Canterbury including Christchurch and the rivers should be managed by the local communities not ecan because of its mismanagement.

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**Would you support a levy to accelerate action in response to climate change?**

No

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

ecan struggles to manage itself now more agencies will only make it worse with no common sense to helping the environment it will just be another tax burden to the rate payers it will be overstaffed over managed and with no good environmental outcomes.

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

ecan will probably never read this submission in full and will take no notice of this or any other submission made by individuals. The organization is so top heavy it is more interested in justifying its job and just employing more and more staff with no practical skills other than enforcing other people to pay their ridiculously high rates for consents etc to justify their jobs and to keep themselves in employment by playing god with peoples lives and have no conscience as regards to their actions, as regards to these submissions ecan will have already made their minds up as what they require to continue to pay and make things look good for them with no regards to costs to the rate payer for their actions in the past or in the future, they are so hellbent on securing and justifying their job and are able to bully people into paying for their mistakes, we have seen these poor services in running the Christchurch busses, river management and environment and tourism.

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

Postcard

Print ad or billboard

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