

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Thursday, 24 March 2022 12:33 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**

Tara

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**Last name**

Loy

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Parklands, 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 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.**

I have a visual impairment that has deteriorated slowly over time. I had to stop driving at the age of 22 to keep myself and the public safe. I bus wherever I need to go work, shops, social events ect. The cost per week for bus fare is a large chunk out of my weekly budget. The bus is how I access my communication. It's easy to use, it gives me independence, I enjoy the freedom. Cost is becoming an issue. If my family is low on funds, bussing is the first to go. Many people with disabilities has this issue. Most of their budget goes into transport costs. We're all aware that employment in the disability community is low, choosing option 1 would help other people with disabilities like myself to access the community and be more independent in their lives.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

I work for Enabling Good Lives and can see how option 1 would motivate the young people in the christchurch community to get out and use the buses more. Money shoudn't be the thing that keeps disabled people for accessing work, fun, school, or anything!

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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?**

Not sure, this is something we should all be responsible for. We want our community to reflect how proud we are of it. I understand some people are not in the position to pay more. The people in the higher tax bracket who can afford to pay, should help more.

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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?**

Not sure

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

not at this time

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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?**

Subsidies for people driving hybrid and electric vehicles implementing other energy options promotion of plant based meat substitutions waste be limited by each household

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

Not at this time

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

not at this time

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

Email

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