

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 March 2022 8:18 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**

Oscar

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**Last name**

Compton-Moen

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Strowan, 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?**

15– 24 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 think that making buses free and more accessible to everyone will have a great benefit to Ōtautahi. Climate Change is easily the biggest issue facing us at the moment, and this is especially a big issue in Ōtautahi where 53% of our emissions comes from transport, much higher than other cities in Aotearoa. The reason for this is our lack of investment and poor public transport network. Obviously we urgently need mass transit and making fares free is a step in the right direction. This will allow more people to take advantage of public transport and get out of their cars. The reason I support option 1 over the rest of them is because by making it free it gets rid of the hassle of getting a metro card or trying to find some loose change. Not to mention even if it's 50 cents and you take 10 trips a week that's 5 dollars and that adds up quickly. We need to make public transport the main form of transport here and we need to do it fast. I would like to see it free for all but for now this will suffice. Whether it requires a large rates increase or not there is a climate emergency and it's time we actually did something because for so many young kids our governments lack of action around the world is giving us climate anxiety.

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**Is borrowing and repaying through general rates the right approach for this regionally significant event?**

Yes

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**How else might we pay for our share of this work?**

Part of a Climate Change Levy

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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 increases for rail and power - tolls for highways/roads

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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?**

Maybe instead of giving back money after the climate change disaster, we could invest that money into things that would reduce our emissions and therefore the amount of events from even happening in the first place.

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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?**

Mass transit especially rail and light rail connecting people around Ōtautahi as well as to other towns. As much as you guys love buses because they are cheaper, no one enjoys riding them compared to other forms of transport. Buses are uncomfortable and unreliable so people would rather go in there cars. Not to mention they don't really form any transport corridors which encourage density.

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

Please take it seriously, because although you may not be around to see what happens it is going to ruin our future and that will ruin the economy which obviously you care about.

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

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)

Other (please specify) - School Strike for Climate Ōtautahi

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