

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 March 2022 3:46 pm  
**To:** Have your Say  
**Subject:** Submission on draft Annual Plan 2022/23

Scarlett Stott just submitted 'Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 submission' with the responses below.

**First name**

Scarlett

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**Last name**

Stott

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Temuka, Temuka

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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?**

Yes

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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 am under-25, which would allocate me in the free category for another few years, however, I think that it isn't fair on the people that don't fall under the free category to foot the bill for everyone else, including the rate-payers. If the purpose is to get more people riding the buses, especially as petrol prices are rising, I think that it would be wrong to charge workers more to get to work and less likely that they would take the bus rather than car-pooling with colleagues or cycling. As a former university student, I agree that the bus prices are expensive for students, but I believe that having a flat rate for everyone means that the costs are divided over everyone. The flat rate would convince me to catch the bus more often, rather than the extortion of letting someone else pay for my bus ride with the option one rate.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

My additional concern is that there is no proposed price published on the draft for the price that the paying bus-riders would pay. I believe this must mean that there is a huge price-hike for people outside this bracket and for giving people the right amount of information to make an informed submission, this is important.

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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?**

The funding should be spread between the rate-payers and also come from government funding through recovery funds. Another way that could work would be to approach businesses for contributing funds to help. I also know that the rivers belong to the tangata whenua, which have many funds given by the government and generated by their businesses, so they would be good candidates for funding or part-funding this.

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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?**

The funding for road, rail and power should be partly funded by money that is put aside for flood recovery. I also think that there has been an issue with the river management over the years. People used to remove stones and gravel from the rivers for their personal projects which is no longer allowed. Because of this, it puts the rivers more at risk for flooding. If you were to turn a blind eye to people removing river gravel, you wouldn't need to pay for repairing flooding to the same degree, because there would be less flooding. I also think that if the Ashburton bridge had been maintained properly before the flooding, there would be less to prepare now.

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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?**

See comments above.

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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?**

There is no evidence to back up your needs to respond to climate change.

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

Having consultation sessions in each area would be helpful to talk to an ecan councilor or representative about these issues to help the districts better understand the challenges for the future.

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

Postcard

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