

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 March 2022 5:00 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**

Sam

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**Last name**

Holt

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Ashley, Rangiora

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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.**

Because it benefits the vulnerable and people likely to be struggling financially

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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 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?**

Increased taxes on large and unhealthy corporations operating in the region. Fast food etc, large foreign owned companies that generate large amounts of revenue but do very little to benefit the local economy.

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**Which option for distribution of rates in Ashburton River rating district do you support?**

Option 2 (status quo): Keep the current distribution of rates in the Ashburton River rating district.

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

Perhaps a very publicly visible and advertised campaign for volunteers who are able and willing to help before, during and after flood events. There are a lot of us in local communities who have spare time to contribute but perhaps don't have spare money in their budget for rate increases. This will also build strong community ties and bonding, which is important. It will connect like minded people and increase sociability which is needed after a couple of years of lockdowns and restricted social interaction. Win/win.

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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?**

Promote diversification from climate damaging intense dairy farming. Set up community volunteer groups similar to the "student army" that helped clean up christchurch after the earthquakes. Climate change is happening, be it man made or natural (that argument has become irrelevant as we reach or may have already reached a tipping point in global warming). We are going to see more damaging floods and weather events in the years to come and establishing an "extreme weather response" volunteer team could become very beneficial, and I believe if you make the call the people will gather. Any necessary training could be funded by charity groups. Some of us have more time than money and others have more money than time. There are people from both sectors that will want to help. Some can donate funding and others can donate time.

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

Word of mouth

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