

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 March 2022 11:47 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.

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**Suburb**

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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.**

We need to incentivize public transport over the use of a personal car, and this option would benefit the most at-need groups of people. An unlimited-use fee structure (e.g., waived fees no matter how many trips) is the best way to encourage bus travel since it doesn't matter how many trips you take or to where. It removes the barrier of "can I afford this trip" and makes a real difference when you're debating whether to use a car on a daily basis since a car still has a per-trip cost (petrol). A focus on students is also useful to give people more housing options. The close housing (for tertiary students) is generally low quality or way outside budget.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

At the moment, it is cheaper for UC students to drive and park with a monthly parking pass than it is to bus (by a lot!). It's already more convenient and faster to drive, the cost is just the extra push to say "why even bother taking the bus." More frequent bus pickups are needed especially farther from the city, and more direct school/tertiary-focused routes so you don't have to transfer in the city center. Most bus routes seem currently focused on moving people in and out of the CBD. Of the buses that do go elsewhere (e.g., the Orbiter, etc.) the bus stops are still far from campus and take an extra 10 minutes to walk from the stop to UC. I can park off-campus closer than that.

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

I don't have a preference

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

Don't know

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