

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 March 2022 8:25 pm  
**To:** Have your Say  
**Subject:** Submission on draft Annual Plan 2022/23

powell63 just submitted 'Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 submission' with the responses below.

**First name**

Gaylia

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**Last name**

Powell

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Beckenham, 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?**

65+ 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.**

Option 1 includes groups who are most disadvantaged, and free public transport will improve their opportunities to participate in society. I expect it will increase bus usage as the Gold Card does for my age group - I am most grateful. Option 2 is also an improvement on the status quo.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

I am happy to pay extra rates to enable others to travel.

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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?**

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?**

Loans (probably repaid regionally, incentivising regional planning, and fire and flood prevention and mitigation); and taxes (Govt funding) because such infrastructure benefits the whole of society, and can happen anywhere across the country.

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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?**

I really don't know enough about this to comment. Option 1 looks rational, but I don't know how it would impact on existing communities and farmers.

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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?**

Activities that reduce vehicle emissions (including safe cycle ways) and dairying. I would like to see the rail lines north, west and south of Christchurch to provide some commuter and ordinary travel services.

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

Postcard

Other (please specify) - Forest and Bird email

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