

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 March 2022 9:40 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**

Matthew

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**Last name**

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Avonhead, Christchurch

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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.**

We need to take drastic action to reduce the environmental, economic, and social damage dealt by car-focused civic design. The groups covered by option 1 are ideal candidates to discourage driving, and the change will not constitute a severe rates increase for those who genuinely need to drive cars.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

Ideally they would be free, subsidised by a fuel tax (similar to Auckland's tax, but for PT funding instead of infrastructure development). Anything to get people out of their cars and onto alternative modes of transport!

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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?**

No Answer

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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?**

Yes

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**What current or future projects or activities would you like to see funded by such a levy?**

Increase in the frequency of bus services, as well as making routes closer together (by adding new ones) to reduce the distance from people's houses/workplaces to the nearest bus stop. Separated cycle lanes across the city, at the cost of car lanes (to discourage driving). Best (and most expensively) of all a light rail network!

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

Fund new initiatives through punitive taxes on fuel, road use, and low-density suburbs

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

Email

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