

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 March 2022 10:35 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**

Sarah

---

**Last name**

Seeley

---

**Email address**

---

**Suburb**

Halswell, Christchurch

---

**Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?**

No, I'm submitting as an individual

---

**Which age category are you in?**

15– 24 years old

---

**Do you wish to speak to your submission at a Council hearing?**

No

---

**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

---

**Tell us more about why you support the selected bus fare option.**

Personally, I find the price of driving to and from university the around same price of busses. I used to bus to high school every day and the prices now compared to back then are so much higher it isn't worth the more environmentally friendly option as it takes double the time and costs the same. So even though I wanted to make a more environmentally friendly choice, for me it wasn't worth it Now that many busses are electric my interest in bussing sparked once more. This was increasing the environmental gap between me driving or bussing by having vastly fewer emissions but price and time still stopped me. With free fares, it would be a waste to myself if I (An environmentally focused university student) didn't start practicing what a preach a little more by bussing.

---

**Any other comments on bus fares?**

I think that lowering bus fares is a great way to enable a safe, warm and easy traveling method for all people. Right now bussing is expensive. This not only de-incentivises people like myself it removes travel for those who cannot afford a car, fuel, or bus fares every day. opening up free fares to under 25's just starting their working journey and those holding community cards allows for greater equality in traveling around Christchurch with ease and doesn't limit it to those who "can afford it". Therefore I think it would be a wonderful idea and will help many people as well as lower GHG emissions.

---

**Is borrowing and repaying through general rates the right approach for this regionally significant event?**

Don't know

---

**How else might we pay for our share of this work?**

This is something I am personally unsure about. So long as it has no great impact on people's livelihoods I would support it but as someone that does not pay these particular rates I would not feel comfortable commenting

---

**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?**

Perhaps if we know this type of thing is likely to happen. A small portion of rates should be put aside for this and once it reaches a limit (enough to repair roads) it is not touched until needed and is only touched for flood-related reasons which are fully shared with the public/rate payers. As well all must be done in agreeance with said public

---

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

Option 1 (preferred): Redistribute rates in the Ashburton River rating district.

---

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

I think this sounds right but again I am not an Ashburton rate payer so cannot speak for them

---

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

Yes

---

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

Climate change is extremely important to plan for and putting money towards mitigating it is definitely something I support. For example, I love the idea of taxpayer money being put towards the new electric busses in CHCH.

---

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

I would love to see some more solar panels around the city. So many empty rooftops that are dark colors that absorb heat and make the world WARMER. why not mitigate that by using this "free real estate" for power. Or just start making rooves white. Increase that reflectivity

---

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

good stuff

---

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

Other (please specify) - University of Canterbury

---