

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 March 2022 6:02 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**

Jenny

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**Last name**

Thompson

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Yaldhurst, 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?**

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 2: \$2 flat fare for adults and \$1.20 for children across bus zones 1, 2 and 3

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

I strongly believe everyone should pay their own way. Giving people a free option is not the way to do that. The increased people on the bus will stop once it is no longer free for them. They may just use it heaps just cos and you won't have any income from that. Once they start needing to pay they will stop. I don't understand why I should have to pay for them, I don't want to get on the bus and be the only person who had to pay, (or be in the only group that had to pay) that's just dumb. I have a house and I bus, and I work. I shouldn't have to carry their burden of free travel by paying more rates. You should look after your current bus users. Which probably does include a good portion of users who are people with houses, with families, who need to get to work. If you don't play fair to us and look after us, we might find another way around, it's not fair and I don't see that it will benefit you. Using a bus is about using the bus, it's not about how many houses are in the city. So for all bus users and general public, it is most fair that option 2 is taken. For homeowners who aren't bus users, option 2 is the fairest for them also, they pay a bit more rates and hopefully are inticed to use the benefit of cheaper bus, option 1 is just increasing their rates, there isn't any further attraction for them to use the bus. Im sure they won't be happy. It is good option 2 is a reduced rate increase compared to option 1 which weighs in on its fairness. In option 2, I get the benefit of having a reduced bus fare and countered by slightly higher rates. I don't want higher rates, so am happy that option 2 isn't as steep as option 1, with that mixed in with option 2 giving me a benefit. In option 2, it's good that I will pay for something i will get. Option 1 how forcing me to pay to be cheated. Which I see option 2 is the fairest way of doing things. I am still playing my way and the other are still paying their way. \$2 is easy so the other ages will see that and think cool, and when they get older, they still should keep using the bus as they can see its not a major dent in their pocket. Option 1, once they have to pay, many just won't.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

Please read the comment above and I hope you understand it. Please be fair and look after everyone.

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

I was more interested in the bus submission, haven't done research for this topic of what's going on. Council, insurance, government?

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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?**

It usually is in standard rates isn't it, for they don't charge people more, doesn't things from rates accumulate in a fund that then can payout?

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

No

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

Bus option 2 please!! The \$2 one...

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

Email

Print ad or billboard

Other (please specify) - Notices on the bus

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