

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 March 2022 3:06 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**

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**Last name**

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**Suburb**

Strowan, 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?**

15– 24 years old

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

Yes

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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.**

1. Economic Accessibility - its important to note that many people simply cannot afford transport in Waitaha. 2. Behaviour change - Right now there is very little incentive for students to use the bus network. The savings are currently not worth the perceived safety risk (main barrier to youth pt use in Canterbury) and the hassle in regards to timings, stops etc. Removal of cost will further incentivise people to use it and make them not resent the many issues with the network as much. 3. Community resilience/climate change - we will all have to reduce driving/change habits etc eventually. Waitaha is attempting to get ahead of these changes to make them less abrupt.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

Young people especially need a system that works. Free fares is the first step, next is more central Government funding for transformational change. This is a complex issue but when it comes down to it-- it is an issue of accessibility, equity, and the kind of city we want Christchurch to be.

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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 haven't got the baseline knowledge to understand this question well, but some sort of insurance principle with money being saved and put away in this region seems like a smart idea.

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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?**

We need to look at rates but also figure out better funding streams and ways to maximise efficiency in investments, but also within ECan itself.

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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?**

There is an argument to be made that public transport infrastructure expansion has a place here. As well as that; flood protection works, tree planting and biodiversity, and other more community based activities designed to mitigate the real life on the ground effects of climate change.

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

In order to be able to adapt to an ever changing environmental landscape and the kind of disaster Waitaha regularly has to grapple with, ECan needs to focus on ensuring efficiency and clear timelines in its works. The regional council has an obligation to all people, including younger generations to get it right.

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

Word of mouth

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