

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Monday, 21 March 2022 2:55 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.

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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.**

Even though option 1 produces huge savings for many people and supports the most vulnerable in our community (great), the aim of this is possibly more to reduce carbon emissions / get more bums on seats in public transport, rather than just make it better for those already using it. There is a possibility that option 1 will also increase the existing stigma around public transport (through the bus becoming a desirable location for homeless/transient/vulnerable folk to be during the day esp in winter since it's free) and prevent high-emitters e.g. professionals/commuters from shifting their lifestyles to low-emission transport. We need a CULTURE SHIFT around public transport more than anything else e.g. increasing its desirability to the masses - especially for those who would not otherwise take it.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

Changes to bus fares need to be accompanied with advertising/public awareness that targets high emitters and points out the benefits e.g. increased productivity by being able to work on the bus; opportunities for mindfulness on the bus; reduced hassle with parking; being able to drink after work; savings on car-use; exercise walking to and from the bus-stop. Employer incentivisation to take the bus (esp in public service)? Employer-issued bus cards? e.g. if you're 5mins late because you caught the bus, we still support you to do that.

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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?**

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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?**

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**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.

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

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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?**

Reducing emissions in the dairy/meat industries & high taxes for industries in this area - they need more accountability in our climate crisis Changing our consumption culture! - more circular economy solutions e.g. localised recycling; power; food consumption - critiquing consumption culture in school curriculums e.g. The Story of Stuff/ <http://www.footprintcalculator.org/en/results/0/summary> & modelling simple ways to live - uphold indigenous knowledge about how we are connected to our ecosystems...restore this sense of connected-ness

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

Taxing large-emission industries. e.g. fast food/dairy/meat/imported food

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

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

Postcard

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