

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Sunday, 20 March 2022 12:06 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**

Peter

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**Last name**

Bolton

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Rangiora, Rangiora

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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?**

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.**

Option 1 selected for selfish reasons, I am nearly through my diploma and plan on continuing through to the degree, so free travel is too good of an opportunity to pass up for the next couple of years. Currently, I commute to central Christchurch from Rangiora daily via small capacity motorbike 4-5 times a week. I've budgeted for the cost of registration, WoF, fuel and servicing, and it works out approximately the same as using the bus at its cost at-present. With the increased benefit of convenience and time saved, why would I bother with the bus at its current cost?

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

While I have selected option 1, I think this option only targets students such as myself and other users who already use the bus in some capacity. At the very least it will convince that targeted group of users to use it more. Of which I guess is the plan: Target people more likely to use public transport, increase users and make up the shortfall with ratepayer money. Congratulations, you convinced me, your target market to use public transport.. Once I finish studying, will I bother using public transport if fares (from Rangiora) are nearly \$4.00 per trip for travel that takes twice as long? Definitely not. My time is valuable to me, and I would rather pay any extra cost to use my own transport. Public transport fares should be aggressively cheaper to be seen as a viable alternative to other forms of transport in a city as spread out as we are. That being the case, I believe Option 2, and a decreased cost of transport to ALL users to be far more beneficial to Canterbury. Although this will come at a cost with far less people using public transport than Option 1. Consequently, I don't think the cheaper fares overall will change people's habits, people will need to be convinced to see the value in alternative transport to their vehicles. With the rising cost of living, I see this plan as a good opportunity to make a decent change to the system and convince ALL people in the benefits of public transport. Please, don't this up, which ever bus route you take.

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

Yes

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

Other (please specify) - Metro website

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