

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 March 2022 8:12 am  
**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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**Suburb**

Shirley, 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.**

My preference is for a flat fee or to make it free for EVERYONE. We are a six member family and are not eligible for free bus fares under the new options. We do not get any extra support from the Government for living costs. We are on a single income, childcare, rates, food, diesel, insurance - almost everything has increased in price in the last 18 month's but yet the single income coming into the house each week remains the same. I begrudge paying more in rates when our family cannot access the service.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

They are currently too expensive and poorly thought out. Years ago I lived in the UK and paid for a weekly pass or even a daily pass. When I last used the bus in Christchurch I asked to buy a day pass but was unable too. I had to buy more than one fare. It is utterly ridiculous in this day and age not to offer a day pass for bus use all day!

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

No

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

It should be funded by the NZTA

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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?**

Taxes - we pay enough of them for fuel. Use that money out of the kitty to fund the highways, bridges and roads.

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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?**

People know when they purchase properties that they are in flood prone areas. It should come as no surprise when there is a flood. Rate payers in these areas should pay more to live in areas such as this. This would then reflect on the price of the property. Personal choice.

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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 future funding for responding to climate change?**

Whatever NZ does it will never stop the issue of climate change. There are plenty of countries around the world pouring pollution into the atmosphere and with a culture of cheap throw away products it seems pointless to fund climate change. First look at changing people's attitudes towards a throw away society.

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

Get your teeth stuck into fining people that take more than the fair share of water allocated to them...

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

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)

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