

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Friday, 25 March 2022 11:35 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**

Benjamin

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**Last name**

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**Email address**

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**Phone number**

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**Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?**

Yes, I'm submitting on behalf of an organisation

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**Which organisation are you submitting on behalf of?**

Young TOP

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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.**

We support the move to shift to targeted fares-free as we believe that (as also shown in your own advanced information) that this will lead to a greater increase in bus users, and thus a better shift towards reducing carbon emissions. As we must make moves to heavily drop our emissions if we want to keep our country, our planet healthy and relatively the same. For the sake of our young people, it is worth the money.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

Option 2 would be fine. But we really think that a move towards free public transport is the best direction to go in

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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?**

Other payments may come from central government where appropriate

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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?**

No Answer

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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?**

Funding for mode shifts of transport. As we contribute quite heavily to emissions through our car use, and enabling a shift to public transport (which should not be just buses, we should be looking to invest in some kind of light rail) and cycling. Generally we should be spending money on shifting this city to building up rather than doing what we have been doing by building out.

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

Christchurch and the wider Canterbury area, represents a place that has great potential for good cities, with the land being quite flat, means that we can and should be encouraging cyclists by building more of these protected cycleways. Our hope is that Christchurch would become a great city,

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

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)  
Email  
Environment Canterbury website

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