

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 30 March 2022 12:34 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**

Lucy

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**Last name**

Ellis

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Cashmere, 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?**

0–14 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 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.**

Hi, My name is Lucy and I am a 14 year old student at Cashmere High School. I have lived in Christchurch for all my life. I wholeheartedly support making fares free for under 25s, students, Total Mobility and Community Services card holders. In Christchurch 53% of our carbon dioxide emissions come from transport. An equitable, accessible public transport system is vital if we are to meet our goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050. A major barrier to accessibility and equity is the cost of public transport fares. For many people in Christchurch it is still cheaper to travel in a private car, despite the ownership costs, the harmful emissions and the increased congestion this causes. Many times I have found that my friend or I have not had enough money to be able to catch public transport and have had to turn to other options, paying for bus fees is a big downside which puts many people off using this amazing eco-friendly option! By making public transport free for these groups ECAN is removing this barrier, and helping to make it easier for more people to choose a more sustainable transport option. It also signals ECAN's commitment to lowering Christchurch's emissions. The climate crisis is happening now and now is the time to support people to choose sustainable transport. We cannot afford to wait.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

Having free buses would encourage more people to use public transport and make them more user friendly. Free bus fares would save peoples money and the environment.

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

Meeting or event

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