

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 29 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**

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**Last name**

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**Suburb**

Christchurch, Christchurch

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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?**

Canterbury Workers Educational Association

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**Which age category are you in?**

40-64 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.**

Please see separate written submission

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

Don't know

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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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**Upload any supporting documents (if applicable)**

Attachment appended  
to end of submission

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

Email

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28th March 2022

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Canterbury Workers Educational Association to make a submission on Environment Canterbury's Draft Annual Plan 2022/23.

As a central city-based organisation with a specific aim of delivering adult education opportunities that are accessible to all, we are particularly keen to see a review of the bus services in Christchurch.

We strongly support Option 1:

“Option 1 | Targeted fare-free

Two-year trial of fare-free travel when using a Metrocard, for under 25s, students, Total Mobility and Community Services card holders across all zones.

The Diamond Harbour ferry service – which is also part of the Metro network – would be excluded from this trial.”

We go to great lengths to offer heavily discounted courses and events for Community Service Card and Total Mobility Card holders and find that transport into the city is a barrier for many. At a time when petrol is at an all-time high and costs are rising in virtually all areas of life, fare-free travel would be a fantastic way to encourage people out of cars and onto public transport. The CWEA is committed to doing all it can to be an environmentally responsible organisation and so, we also support option.1 from an emissions reduction perspective.

Whilst we support Option 1 we do not believe that it goes far enough. We encourage a broader, more in-depth review of how public transport is run throughout the region including the consideration of the following:

- Remove time restrictions for fare-free travel for gold and other card holders
- Many of our older attendees find that the bus stops are too far apart – for example it is at least a 10-15minute walk to the WEA from any current bus routes, this is



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prohibitive for older adults and those with mobility issues. Review the bus network and plug the gaps.

- The CCC run free electric bus in the inner city is much missed, consider options for free travel within the four avenues
- Consider the option of a reasonably priced/discounted season/annual pass that allowed for unlimited bus travel for local residents
- There has been much investment in Cycle ways for the central city and this has seen a huge uptake in Cycling. Consider the introduction of more bus and ride-sharing lanes that enable buses to rapidly negotiate rush hour traffic as a further incentive for taking public transport.

We are grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the future of Public Transport in our region and on behalf of all members and patrons of the WEA, urge you to take bold and far-reaching action.

Yours sincerely

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