

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Thursday, 31 March 2022 9:43 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**

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**Last name**

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**Suburb**

Kingsland, Auckland

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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 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.**

Our climate needs free fares. Free fares will help people to switch to public transport, dramatically reducing our GHG emissions. Free fares, with urgent and widespread implementation, is one equitable and courageous action on the scale our climate needs. People need free fares. The high cost of public transport leaves too many of us disconnected from family, friends and activities that bring us joy. With housing costs and other expenses rising, many people find public transport unaffordable, at the time when we need connection and community more than ever,

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

I would love to see this experiment taken further in the future, with free fares offered to everyone eventually, not just targeted groups!

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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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**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?**

Great support for e-bikes, including safe bike lanes, priority crossing, useful bike routes, secure storage with charging facilities, and integration with public transport. Minimise road building that is proven to encourage inefficient and expensive car use. Make transit hubs vibrant places to visit, with pedestrian areas, mixed use development, higher density, and native trees. Bring the option of investing in a microgrid or rooftop solar to Auckland residents, so everyone can have access to local clean energy. Encourage Cantabrians with incentives for energy efficient homes and electrification. Ensure that recycling programs and composting programs are well supported and promoted. Encourage and support Canterburians to plant native trees and shrubs.

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

A stable climate is the best legacy that we can leave for our children, but the world is not on the right track. We need to move faster and we should be investing more than we are currently. Please be sure to focus on minimising the impact on lower income households. Higher income households can afford rate increases.

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

Email

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