

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Thursday, 31 March 2022 10:10 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**

Megan

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**Last name**

Grey

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Woolston, 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?**

15– 24 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.**

Changing the bus colours was the stupidest thing the council have ever done and a colossal waste of money, making busses incredibly inaccessible to a vast majority of people. Giving certain groups, including tertiary students and elderly, free busses will mean a greater accessibility for them than they currently have and will ensure more people are willing to use busses instead of cars if they don't have to worry about money concerns to get where they need to go. Petrol prices mean a lot of people can't get around easily, and busses are a great solution. I get the council want everyone to bike, but not everyone can, for many many reasons. I, myself, would start using busses again if it was free, and I know a lot of others would be in the same boat

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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?**

Stop increasing rates. If your only solution to make something accessible to a group of people is to charge everyone more somewhere else, you shouldn't be making decisions or in charge of money

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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?**

From redistributing the money the council already has. Stop coming up with stupid wastes of money, like changing the bus colours, and start focussing on stuff that actually needs the money

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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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**Would you support a levy to accelerate action in response to climate change?**

Yes

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

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)

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