

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Thursday, 31 March 2022 3:25 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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**Suburb**

Waikuku Beach, Waikuku Beach

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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.**

Free fares could be THE equitable solution to high transport emissions. The two year trial will let us know if it is by providing all the data we need. I would like to add that I would like you to implement both option one and two. Incentivising bus use for everyone in the equitable manner of 'free for target groups but cheaper for all' is key to the amazing climate approach you are taking. Please be radical as can be with these very reasonable proposed changes, and implement both. My land lady will probably decide it is her god given right to raise my rent to cover a rates increase. But I don't care. The rates increase is such a small weekly increase, that I will just need to take a few bus trips and I will have made that money back in transport savings. Not to mention, using option two in conjunction will mean that rate payers who do not support targeted free fares will actually benefit from this change and be able to easily offset the costs by taking a couple bus trips every week :)

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

Free fares is a much more important approach than option two alone, but I 100% support using both option 1 and 2. It is doable and it could dramatically change the future of NZ- reduce costs for everyone, and make it free for those needing support. Public Transport could be a key to living within climate emergency, we should find this out for sure.

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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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**What current or future projects or activities would you like to see funded by such a levy?**

Proper recycling.

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

Environment Canterbury website

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