

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Sunday, 3 April 2022 1:54 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**

Brian

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**Last name**

Armstrong

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Islington, Blenheim

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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?**

65+ 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 2: \$2 flat fare for adults and \$1.20 for children across bus zones 1, 2 and 3

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**Tell us more about why you support the selected bus fare option.**

Encourage bus use whilst still placing a value on it

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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?**

A significant contribution should come from those who have modified natural flood release areas for their own use. Over the years such land has been annexed by stealth with the cognisance of local body government.

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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?**

Central Government should be liable for highway and rail infrastructure.

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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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**Any other comments on flood protection in Ashburton?**

Neither the towns of Ashburton or Tinwald suffered any significant flooding so presumably the existing flood protection was adequate. Rural areas farming on what are historically river beds can expect such events from time to time. No amount of money thrown at contractors will control nature.

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

No

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

There are many who would think funding ECAN to provide initiatives around climate change would be like "putting the fox in charge of the hen house". As "environmental guardians" ECAN have been little more than puppets to the dairy industry and now also serve the fawning "pest and poison" industries. I noted the figures reported in the media about the "cost" of wilding pines so attended a presentation on the subject hosted by ECAN. It was noteworthy that 95% of the attendees would have been "pest" control operators and ECAN staff so it was more of a ritual backslapping exercise than a balanced presentation. A proportion of the information put forward was misleading and some was completely false. To say "wilding pines do not sequester carbon" is completely untrue. However this is the kind of narrative put forward by ECAN to mislead the gullible public and justify maintaining a high level of funding for themselves and their rapacious contractors. The "Craigieburn Cutting" area (SH73) is a good example of environmental carnage from organizations that are seeking to line their pockets rather than improve the environment and address climate change.

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**Any other comments on Environment Canterbury's draft Annual Plan or other matters?**

ECAN's focus is clearly on the economy rather than the environment and as such is regarded as an organization that lacks both credibility and integrity. Rather than celebrating the planting of a few natives around farm ponds start making the hard but necessary decisions. Work with nature rather than trying to control it for economic benefit. The tipping points of environmental and climate change disaster are fast approaching. Be honest. Please note the first page would not allow me to enter a correct "suburb" or enter my phone number which is ;

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

Postcard

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