

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Sunday, 3 April 2022 4:11 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**

Wilson

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Riccarton, 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?**

Central Riccarton Residents' Association Inc.

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**Do you wish to speak to your submission at a Council hearing?**

Yes

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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.**

There was universal support for Option 2 among our members. You are trying to attract more bus users, people who do not already use buses and are currently exclusively using cars. The vast majority of people in this cohort are over 25. You are not trying to attract people who walk, cycle, use a skateboard or scooter. Any new fare structure must be oriented to car users, especially but not exclusively those using cars in peak hours. Changes in bus fares must be accompanied by vast changes in the management of bus services particularly to the people of Christchurch. Management is currently buried in the past. Patronage is in freefall and ratepayer money has been wasted on a quite unnecessary repainting of buses. What your target cohort expects is a frequent, reliable service with stops in appropriate places. Your target cohort does not expect a luxury interior to the bus. They will be using the bus to go from Point A to Point B. Our Association has repeatedly asked for many more small, more nimble buses to be used which can stop and start again quickly. The central bus depot must have technological changes made so that the small buses can actually the depot. Smaller buses do not chew up the roads and do not use the same amount of fuel as the larger lumbering buses. Small buses are used extensively overseas. Have council members never availed themselves of these sorts of buses when overseas? Metrocards need to be available for sale in many more places than they currently are.

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