

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Sunday, 3 April 2022 6:06 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**

Alex

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**Last name**

McNeill

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**Email address**

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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.**

Removing fares makes it easier for young people to ride the bus; forming habits that will hopefully stick later on in life.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

Buses should be free for all people

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**Is borrowing and repaying through general rates the right approach for this regionally significant event?**

Yes

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

Flood protection; storm protection; free public transport; more active transport options

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

It's necessary. The time is now.

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

Climate change is already affecting us and the quicker we all realise it, the better. But we need to make sure that we are protecting and working with the more vulnerable in the community, as well as minorities and Māori. If needed, wealthy members of the community should pay more to enable this - we can't afford to widen the poverty gap in this region.

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

Postcard  
Email

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