

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Sunday, 3 April 2022 6:58 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.

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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?**

Ashburton River Rating Liason Committee

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**Which age category are you in?**

40-64 years old

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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?**

I don't have a preference

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

Yes

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**How else might we pay for our share of this work?**

The committee met last month, via teams, and discussed this at length. ECan staff presented us with the new proposed rating bands. There was widespread support for the new bands, firstly simplifying the number and complexity of the existing band structure, but also bringing in the band encompassing the areas identified as also being at risk. The committee fully supported the new proposed structure. Further we also discussed in some detail, the situation on the Blands Reach section of the North Branch, in particular just above Wakelins Road. The proposal is to buy the land within a secondary flood bank, just below where the river is constricted between the two main stop banks. We fully supported this proposal, firstly as the existing landlord has indicated a willingness to sell. This may only be for the moment, there may not be another chance! Secondly, buying this land would mean the the proposed reinstatement of the damaged flood flood bank at the west edge of this land would not need to proceed, thus saving approx \$300,000 in the first year. The whole amount of the purchase could be set against general rate for a period of 10 years. This would give the whole Greenstreet area and Ashburton further security in the event of another flood event. We should also bear in mind that the whole river system is and will be vulnerable for the foreseeable future because of the damage caused and the time it takes for earth works to stabilise.

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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?**

There is considerable nationally important infrastructure in the Ashburton district. We have only 1 main highway leading north to south. Highway 77 and 72, the inland route still has single lane bridges and thus if there is a major problem on SH1, these roads cannot adequately fill the gap. Also across these bridges, apart from traffic are some of the really important fibre cable that keep the southern part of the south island connected to the rest of the country. This includes the ability to maintain steady power generation for the North island from the Waitaki Scheme. Is it fair that the fibre providers do not pay towards the upkeep of their infrastructure in these important links. The rating liaison group would like to explore, in principle, that all users of the state infrastructure contribute towards maintaining our very important links

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

see above

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

Don't know

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

On a personal note, I'm not sure about a general levy, I think what is proposed needs to be more carefully outlined and presented to the ratepayers to consider for next year and beyond

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

Meeting or event

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