

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Sunday, 3 April 2022 11:02 am  
**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**

Roger

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**Last name**

Larkins

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Cass Bay, Lyttelton

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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?**

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

No matter how much you increase rates to subsidise public transport, you will attract very few new users. Residents already subsidise the service to a huge amount compared to the cost of running the service. Adding cost to residents rather than having a user-pays system is a huge burden on every resident, while providing no value to society. Don't mistake me - I travel internationally on a regular basis, and use public transport in other (much larger) cities. Public transport needs to be regular, cost effective and time effective if it is to provide an alternative to private transport. Ideally it should take no more than 20% longer to complete a journey for it to be considered a credible alternative. The nature of the region's infrastructure means that this is impossible. Therefore, the preferred option is NOT (1), (2) or (3). It is no change to the current system.

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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?**

No

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

The data are clear regarding 'climate change'. That is, climate is changing, slowly. There is probably some human component to that change, but it is likely to be minimal in terms of the total change. The changes we are seeking do not correlate to CO2 emissions. If you could be bothered to look at data, you would know that HadCRUT4 data shows no warming (and a slight cooling) over the past seven years. UAH data shows a slightly shorter, but similar trend. There are many causes of climate variability including ENSO, AMO, Solar Cycles, etc. The warming since about 1970 follows a period of cooling from the 1930s to the 1970s. There is clear evidence of warmer periods in the Roman Warm Period and the Medieval Warm Period. Nothing that ECAN could do with increased rates will have an impact on global climate. Therefore, increasing rates purely to waste the funds on 'feel good' initiatives should be off the agenda of ECAN. Note - I have a BSc in Environmental Science, and am more than happy to provide data (as against failed models) to validate the statements provided here.

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

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)

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