

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Saturday, 2 April 2022 7:58 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.

**First name**

Susan

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**Last name**

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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?**

Prefer not to say

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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 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.**

Will allow young people and this on low incomes to have choices about how and what they access. Need to include Super gold card holders. This will reduce emissions by getting people out of their cars too.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

Would like to see an increase in bus feeder services from outlying rural areas. We have no public transport options at present.

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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 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 funding should be available as well

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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?**

General comments on flood recovery – I am happy for rates to be spent on flood recovery on river that are underpinned by ecological principles that allows the river's natural character to be enhanced. Flood

plains need to be re-instated and not allowed to be encroached by farming activities. I do not support funding for re-instating stopbanks and other river controls. Rivers need to be allowed their natural braided character and not forced into a man-made route.

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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?**

projects that protect and enhance indigenous biodiversity and eco-sourced tree planting. Protection and enhancement of wetlands is a priority. Control of browsing pests such as possums deer and pigs which damage native vegetation and reduce the potential carbon sequestration. Improving food security and encouraging urban food production in co-operative ways with communities, school and local groups. Encouraging active transport and provision of more off road walking/cycling routes between small towns

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

Need to be addressed with urgency to allow action within the next 5 years.

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**Upload any supporting documents (if applicable)**

Attachment appended  
to end of submission

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

Email  
Word of mouth

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## Further points I wish to add to the submission to Ecan's annual Plan 2022-2023

1. In the interests of people's health, reducing air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, there must be a ban on the farming practice of burn-offs. We see huge fires with smoke spreading into the atmosphere regularly in Autumn across the Canterbury Plains. This is unacceptable when Ecan has done such a great job in the urban areas of improving winter air quality from wood burners.
2. No more resource consents for large scale fires to control wilding pines on farms. Country Calendar recently showcased a farm in North Canterbury burning off huge areas of wilding pines. I have been involved as a volunteer with both Ecan and Doc in controlling wilding pines and while there is not one easy solution, adding fire to the mix is an environmental nightmare. Much better to cut out when the wildings are small, or spray either from the ground or helicopter, and be prepared to continue to control for many years.
3. Funding to control weeds which are widespread and damaging to indigenous ecosystems. Wilding pines, lupins, broom, and due to climate change we will have many extra weeds to deal with in the future.
4. Funding for urgent and sustained control of Southern Black Backed Gulls which are a predator of our unique and endangered braided river birds. Ecan already has a management strategy . This needs to be implemented.
5. I support braided river revival and agencies working together to co-ordinate this. I know DOC have a focus on braided rivers, also LINZ and District Councils need to work with Ecan for better outcomes. As well as control of Southern Black Backed Gulls, work needs to be funded for predator control (stoat, possum, hedgehog, feral cats) and weed control on braided rivers.
6. More funding for control of browsing pests including deer, goats, pigs and wallabies in our forests to allow carbon sequestration to increase, and biodiversity.
7. Reduction of emphasis on widescale plantation planting of pines to ease our way out of climate change. We should be planting native trees that remain in the ground

forever to sequester carbon permanently and to provide habitat and indigenous biodiversity.

8. I support funding to increase the number of compliance officers so that consents are monitored and breaches are penalised.
9. Given that agriculture contributes to our emissions in a major way, there needs to be a levy on fertiliser that funds climate change initiatives.