

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Saturday, 2 April 2022 7:16 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**

Fiona

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**Last name**

Bennetts

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Harewood, Christchurch

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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.**

Option 1 helps the most people who need financial help, while also increasing patronage the most, and therefore reducing carbon emissions the most. It's the best for the planet, which needs quick climate action to minimise the devastating effects that have already started and will only get worse with climate change

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

I'm really pleased to see Tertiary students getting reduced (or free) fares, as far too many drive to campuses. Free buses is the most likely to shift that culture.

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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?**

I'm not sure. Targeted rates seems unfair, but the only alternative. How much more can central government contribute? Is their share fair? How does it compare to flooding support on the West Coast, Gisborne, South Taranaki area?

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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

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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?**

I'm not local to this area, so can't comment further

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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?**

All of the ideas on this page <https://haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/climate-change-levy> plus any community initiatives, cycleways connecting towns/cities/villages (I love the one linking Leeston to Doyleston), buses in Selwyn, especially linking West Melton-Rolleston-Lincoln-Tai Tapu (on-demand if that's the only model the works for starters). Kids need alternative transport mode options, instead of relying on cars (and caregivers)!

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

Great idea! We need urgent climate action!

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

Very happy with the proposed changes from the Long Term Plan. Great resources on the website to help make informed decisions. Thank you!

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

Postcard

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)

Word of mouth

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