

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Friday, 1 April 2022 8:32 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**

Philip

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**Last name**

Brown

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**Suburb**

Rakaia, Rakaia

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

No

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

By doing the work in a more efficient manner. I was involved with work on the Ashburton River during the flooding and the management and method of doing the work was just terrible. You have spent the money now and on a recent site visit of ongoing works the same problems will occur during the next large flood event and Ecan will again ask for major contributions from the rate payers. Ecan river engineering staff appear to be unable to discover what caused the problems during the recent floods. They have an expression called Ecan specifications and they will not change even when obvious shortcomings of their specifications are pointed out. I will elaborate more on these matters during the hearing. The total cost of river works associated with the flood was far in excess of what it should have been.

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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?**

After the shortcomings of Ecan staff are addressed the funding should be a mixture of land owners and the public.

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

Can Ecan please employ engineers who are practical, able to listen to better options that work.

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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?**

Building up a fund for an event would not be my option. The floods we have had have happened before if you care to go back through the records.

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

Thank you for letting me make a submission. Now the challenge will be to convince the river Engineers to accept a better approach. As Bill Bayfield said to me during a meeting, 'do you think you can convince them'.

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

Other (please specify) - River Rating District notes.

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