

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Friday, 1 April 2022 3:14 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**

Marian

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**Last name**

Krogh

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Sumner, Christchurch

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**Phone number**

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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?**

Protect Our Winters NZ

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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.**

Protect Our Winters Aotearoa represents over 7000 members of the outdoor community. We are passionate hikers, bikers, climbers, skiers and snowboarders and we see the impacts of climate change every time we are out in the mountains. Climate Change is impacting us right now and we need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions right now. The unhealthy and unsustainable car culture in NZ has lead to transport being one of our greatest sources of emissions. The more people we can get out of cars and onto buses the better. Option one will result in the most bus users and the greatest reduction in GHG emissions. Many of our members are under 25 and so will directly benefit from the fare-free scheme. By offering a fare-free bus service now, this population will continue to use public transport for years to come. Electric vehicles are too expensive and not a proper solution to climate change. This option means public transport is affordable, especially to those who cannot afford an EV.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

Keep fare-free plans for those with accessibility needs.

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

Don't know

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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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**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?**

More Trees. More protected bike lanes. More electric buses.

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

Public transport regionally as well as within the city

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

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)

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