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# Draft Annual Plan 2022/23

## Submission form | Puka urupare

Environment Canterbury (the Canterbury Regional Council) would like to hear your views on changes proposed in its draft Annual Plan 2022/23, and other issues that may be of interest to you.

## Ways to have your say

## Online



Complete the online form or  
upload your submission at  
**[ecan.govt.nz/annualplan22](http://ecan.govt.nz/annualplan22)**

## Post



Post to Annual Plan submission,  
Freeport 1201, Environment Canterbury,  
PO Box 345, Christchurch 8140

## Email



Email **haveyoursay@ecan.govt.nz** with  
'Annual Plan submission' as the subject.

### In person



Pick up a copy of the form at the library,  
and post or drop off at one of our offices

**Submissions close at 5pm on Sunday 3 April 2022**

## Notes for submitters

Anyone can make a submission. All submissions will be considered by Council in accordance with our submissions policy, before they make a decision.

Submissions, including the name of submitters, will be publicly available as required by the Local Government Act 2002. If there are any personal details you don't want published please indicate this on your submission.

Your information is held and administered by Environment Canterbury in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and Environment Canterbury's Privacy Policy.

All fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are compulsory

## Your details

First name\* Jennifer Last name\* Porter

Postal address\* \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile number \_\_\_\_\_

Email\* \_\_\_\_\_

### Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?\*

☐ Yes, I'm submitting on behalf of an organisation

☒ No, I'm submitting as an individual

### If yes, which organisation are you submitting on behalf of?\*

### Which age category are you in?

☐ 0-14 ☐ 15-24 ☐ 25-39 ☐ 40-64 ☒ 65+ ☐ Prefer not to say

By providing these details you help us understand who we are hearing from.

## Topic One: Changing the bus fare structure

We're proposing a two-year trial of a new bus fare structure with either free or reduced fares for some bus users.

### 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 *Gold Card?*

☒ Option 2: \$2 flat fare for adults and \$1.20 for children and tertiary students across bus zones 1, 2 and 3 *excluding Gold Card which should be free*

☒ Option 3: Tertiary student concession

☐ I don't have a preference

### Tell us more about why you support <sup>these</sup> this bus fare options

- Not free for under 25s - many are working
- Does Community Services exclude Gold Card holders without a C.S.
- Full time Tertiary students should have same access to free fares as pensioners. Because of the spacing of lectures, the 2hr limit can be exceeded and



Any other comments on bus fares?

*My thoughts don't fit your questions!*

## Topic Two: Flood recovery and protection

We are responsible for flood recovery and protection work across Canterbury/Waitaha. This work is funded mostly through rates from residents in 'river rating districts'. We are seeking your feedback on two proposals.

### Recovery from the May 2021 flooding

We're proposing to borrow money to pay for our share of the flood protection work to recover from the regionally significant May 2021 flood.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't know

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

*Borrowing on a 10 year plan does not allow for other sudden events ... more borrowing ... more events  
Float shares, bonds with small return. I  
wouldn't subscribe. Bank rates are pitiful so any  
return would be an inducement - especially if  
interest is tax deductible.*

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?

*Something like EQC which has access to insurance  
policies and premiums.*

### Reviewing flood protection costs in Ashburton

We're proposing to change how the cost of flood protection is distributed across the Ashburton River /Hakaterere rating district, to ensure the amount residents pay better reflects the benefits they receive.

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
- ☐ Option 2: Status quo - Keep the current distribution of rates in the Ashburton River rating district.
- ☒ I don't have a preference

Any other comments on flood protection in Ashburton?

### Topic Three: Future funding for responding to climate change

We're proposing a future levy to fund action in response to climate change. This would not impact rates in the 2022/23 year.

Would you support a levy to accelerate action in response to climate change?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

What current or future projects or activities would you like to see funded by such a levy?

Stop banks on Waimakaoi, dredging of Avon & Heathcote & tributaries.

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

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

### Supporting your submission

Attach supporting documents, or extra pages if you need them, please make sure each page includes your name.

### Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to make a submission.

Do you wish to speak to your submission at a Council hearing?\*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If you want to speak to your submission, please provide contact details on this form. We will be in touch to arrange hearing times after submissions close. Hearings are scheduled for 26-29 April 2022.

Where did you hear about the consultation?

☐ Meeting ☐ Environment Canterbury website ☐ Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)  
☐ Radio ☐ Postcard ☒ News article ☐ Email ☐ Word of mouth ☐ Print ad or billboard  
☐ Other (please specify) *Sign at Library*