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Your submission

Consultation Document topic: Increase the use of public transport/Meeting the needs of an ageing population

The consultation document is inexcusably silent on advancing the needs of mobility impaired users in using public transport. Accessible buses were introduced to Christchurch in February 1997. (The public launch by Ecan of the new service in 'The Press' and other publications included a photo of me and my wife exiting a wheelchair accessible bus in England in 1995!) In the last 17 years steady progress has been made in increasing the number of accessible buses.

Inquiries made with Ecan seem to indicate there isn't a master plan for advancing or expanding the use of accessible public transport in Canterbury. There are obviously human rights and equity issues around ensuring that accessible public transport is provided – including improving on the existing level of service which is not up to scratch as far as the use of some inaccessible 'accessible' buses is concerned.

A review is necessary of where the accessible bus service is at, of how a rapidly ageing population will impact on public transport needs; what the shortcomings are (consultation with users will be part of this); what are the options to improve and to expand accessible services across Canterbury, and lastly what the costs related to improvements would be and how it will be funded.

I wish to speak to this submission.

What do you want Environment
Canterbury to do?

Initiate a review of the suitability of the accessible public
transport bus service – See submission above.