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Your submission

Public transport:

In light of the traffic problems caused by relocation of commercial centres and the rapid growth of large new residential subdivisions in the south, south west, west and north of Christchurch, it is crucial that Ecan take an immediate more flexible approach to providing an integrated public transport system which does not rely on buses alone. This would include immediate serious consideration of use of heavy and light rail systems integrated with additional flexible road-based solutions.

There is enough statistical evidence, much of it from Christchurch itself, that shows that a public transport which is totally reliant on roads, will continue to show minimal growth in patronage. This is currently evidenced by the traffic congestion on streets and roads leading to main exit routes and motorways in new fast growing, high density residential areas such as Wigram, Halswell, Pegasus and Rangiora etc. This congestion is definitely not conducive to

increased bus patronage when the buses may not take people to their destination of choice, and are caught up in the same traffic congestion as cars and unable to maintain their timetables.

What do you want Environment Canterbury to do?

1. Urgently investigate the use of the current heavy rail system from Rangiora to Rolleston, integrated with road transport in the form of buses, mini buses & hire bikes from stations or hubs en route.
 2. Investigate the installation of a light rail system running from west to east and north to south through the city and CBD and integrated with road public transport hubs.
 3. Investigate the Ecan policy on applications for new housing subdivisions and their impact on existing roading and public transport infrastructure and public transport needs. In this policy, consider the need for requiring the planning of transport infrastructure before large numbers of houses are built and begin to contribute increased traffic volume to already congested roads.
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