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Option 4 – none of the above. (Please provide comment/ideas for an alternative solution)

Comments

Please provide any comments.

I disagree with the outright removal of the bus services.

Firstly, the removal of the six bus routes will affect people who are not able to use private transport easily. For example, the 145 route is used by school children to travel to from Westmorland to Cashmere High School and Christchurch South Intermediate School. Other people who do not have cars use these routes to access shopping areas and other amenities.

Secondly, the central city is now starting to become popular again, and workers are returning to new office buildings in the CBD. Rather the scrapping the routes entirely, I would like to see them replaced with routes that travel to the city again. There are a large number of people in the Westmorland-Cracroft-Hoon Hay area who either have to take multiple buses if they want to travel into town, or go for a walk to Princess Margaret Hospital (not always pleasant in winter, and sometimes difficult for the elderly and infirm). New subdivisions are being built behind Cracroft, which will result in the number of people in the area increasing. Introducing buses that go directly into town will encourage people to use public transport again.

In particular, I would like to see the introduction of a good bus route servicing the lower end of Hoon Hay Road again (near the Cashmere Road intersection). We used to have the number 20 service from

Princess Margaret Hospital many years ago, which was very good. A good bus service in this area is important, given the increased number of people using Worsleys Road due to the new Christchurch Adventure Park and subdivisions in the area.