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To: Mailroom Mailbox
Subject: Prposed bus routes changes.

Hi

My family & I want to record my disappointment at the proposed changes to the bus routes.

We live in Prestons and have waited nearly 2 years to get the bus redirected through Prestons (150). This finally occurred in September last year, and while we feel the bus doesn't run often enough or at the weekends, it has been very beneficial for our family (and others in the area). We have witnessed the bus to be well used since running down Te Korari Street. The population in the area continues to increase, and will do until the nearby Prestons Park subdivision is completed.

My oldest daughter has a disability, and works part time. She is heavily reliant on the 150 to get her home each day (Monday- Friday). There is no other option for her with your proposed changes - to her get home safely. My youngest daughter is at high school, and she no longer has to wait nearly 2 hours each day for me to finish work and take her home, as the bus is now an option. I take both my daughters to work/school each day as there is no bus option to get them to work/school on time. If there was - they would be using it. Again, at the weekends, as there is no bus available, they are reliant on my husband or I to drop them to the nearest bus (usually the Palms).

I personally feel that Ecan is not considering the needs of people in the area that are reliant on public transport (for either because of a disability or other reasons), and with no other option provided are discriminating against these people. My oldest daughter should have the right to be as independent and safe as possible in the community.

This will also force more people in the area to use cars (who are able to drive) – which seems to be against the councils plans, as there will be no other option.

How can people use a bus service that isn't meeting the community's needs? And evidence that it is an economically viable option?

Other options could be- a smaller bus could be used more frequently, or the route altered to meet more people's needs, if other nearby routes are closed?

The people of Christchurch again are being let down by the proposed changes.

Regards

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