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Hello

This is my submission.

I'm Carl and I'm Deafblind. (I communicate using NZ sign language and I am a white cane user while I'm waiting to be matched with my 3rd guide dog)

I am very concerned that bus routes 107 and 108 are both being discontinued in all 3 LTP options.

While I could support 1 of them stopping, to stop both services would mean I am unable to leave the street "block" that I live on independently.

With previous changes to buses, ie the introduction of bus hubs, I have already been prevented from going to the CDB independently as I am unable to use "multi bus" bus stops. I cant see to know the bus number and I cant voice to ask the driver.

At present I am able to catch the 107 or the 108 bus (from different ends of the block I live on) and go to Northlands shopping Mall. I can also get the return bus by catching either bus at the bus stop on Langdons Rd.

If these bus services both stopped I would be left extremely isolated.

The use of Taxi's / Driving Miss Daisy has a huge impact on my budget, as it is, I am only able to use them for some of my medical appointments, for the others I have to grovel to friends and family, so deciding to stop bus services and to decrease the mobility subsidy would increase my financial hardship. Therefore I don't support the reduction of the subsidy either.

Already it is cheaper and easier for me to fly to another city using Air NZ grab a seat super cheap fares to have a day out than it is for a return trip using Taxi's to Christchurch destinations and that is ludicrous and proves that Christchurch is becoming a very disability inaccessible city.

I hope that people can recognise the huge impact that stopping both these bus routes would have on my life and other people like me, or elderly people and find a way to retain either the 107 or the 108 bus service even if retaining the service meant it was reduced to hourly service rather than half hourly, that is still better than no service.

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I don't have a phone number because I'm Deafblind.

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