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Public Transport Options

Public Transport is one of the programmes in the Transport and Urban Development portfolio. For the first year of the Long-Term Plan 2018-28 we are proposing changes to the Public Transport programme as outlined in the **Consultation Document**.(on page 14)

To make comment on the Public Transport proposed changes please complete the selection panel below.

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Please review the options in the Consultation Document and indicate which option you support: Option 4 – none of the above. (Please provide comment/ideas for an alternative solution)

Public Transport Comments

Please provide any comments.

Please keep the 535: In the center of Christchurch, removing one of it's many bus routes would not matter as much because you can catch another along in a minute or down the next block - but out here, this is it - no options - no back up. We have hills to scale and a tunnel that you cannot walk or bike through to negotiate - we are geographically different and cannot be lumped in to some generalisation. To strike a pen through the last 6 buses on the list, without thought to the bigger picture, is way too bureaucratic.

We are being encouraged to think of the planet by biking, car-pooling and taking the bus - so why remove this option for us? We are a passionately ecological community. One of the draws to this area is the bus service; It makes me feel less isolated and allows my teenage children the freedom to meet friends and be individuals, they can get to school and work. I can get in to the shops without having

to battle the lack of car parks. People can access the beaches along the harbour without having to park illegally and clog up the roads. It keeps the elderly in the area. We are a growing community as the subdivisions keep adding houses.

I believe that the removal of this service will change the face of my community and remove it's heart. We have a brilliant demographic mix of young and old, but the removal of the bus will alter that forever. To ask an elderly person to walk 45 minutes to get to their nearest bus stop in Lyttelton is crazy. So goodbye elderly, goodbye hard-up young families who were living the dream - we will be left with the middle-aged well healed with no children at home. I believe it is a right to have a bus service. Just plan it for yourself - if you had no vehicle but had to get from Rapaki to Countdown Ferrymead - how would you do it? Taxi? Then the next week too? There is no footpath from Rapaki - a rock face one side of the road, a shear fall from the other.

Alternatives: We here would agree that the bus is obviously too frequent right now, but to remove it altogether instead of finding a middle ground is just not fair. Look at the data from pick ups and reduce accordingly; A morning commute for school and work, a 10am, a lunch, one back from school after 3, then after work. Friday night extra, Saturday and Sunday tweaked for the market and beach goers. Basically every 2-3 hours from 7 to 7. This would more than halve the trips. If some of the remaining were done by the No.28 (or another bus) extending it's route once in a while, this would work too.

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