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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.

To make comment on the the whole Transport and Urban Development portfolio, please use the tab on the left.

**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.

I am very disappointed to read that one of the proposals ECAN is considering is to make a reduction in the subsidy to the Total Mobility Scheme from \$35 to \$30. People with disabilities already have a difficult time trying to make their overstretched resources go far enough to cover their expenses. Reducing this subsidy would mean people will have to find another \$10 per outing to be able to access the community. My thoughts are that ECAN should be supporting people with disabilities to be able to get out and about not impact negatively for this to happen.

There must be other areas within the ECAN scheme that can help towards reducing costs other than impacting on people with disabilities. I implore you to reconsider this option and consider other areas.

Many thanks

Dear Team

I am very disappointed to here that Ecan is proposing to reduce the subsidized portion of the Total Mobility scheme from \$35.00 per trip to \$30.00. Persons with disabilities are already on an over stretched budget and for some people this is another \$10 per outing that they are going to need to find from something else. Probably it will mean that they have to forgo food or heating to allow for this.

Can someone please explain to me how penalising people with disabilities is an effective cost saving alternative for ECAN as an organisation. My thoughts are that this has not necessarily been considered well and there will be other areas within ECAN that can be adjusted so people with enough issues in their lives do not have these impacted by this decision.

I am happy to talk about this further and will be contacting customer services as well to see who I can speak to. I will also be in touch with Rachel Mullins.

Many thanks and I look forward to a positive response from the person who contacts me.

Marilyn Paston