

Kia ora koutou

We are aware that local Westmorland residents (including parents at Thorrington School) will be making a submission to eCAN (Long Term Plan) and have started a petition whereby over 130 signatures to date have been obtained from local residents.

The current 145 service apparently replaced the 79 service along with a dedicated school service that was axed in Dec 2014 which left our Thorrington Primary School children without a bus service to their locally zoned school. With the possible closure of the 145 service, our children will not be able to take public transport to Christchurch South Intermediate and Cashmere High School as well.

Thorrington School is situated on Christchurch's main thoroughfare and, as such, the fewer cars we can use to drop/collect children, the safer for everybody. This is where the bus service is so valuable. The distance is simply too far for a primary school child to walk, and would also be very unsafe for children.

An additional concern is the amount of traffic congestion with parental cars at drop off times in the morning and pick up in the afternoon. Schools are often in the media because of frustrated parents talking of drop-off and collection issues. The bus service would help alleviate this and be a safer option for children and parents.

As our local representatives, we hope that you can support this cause and pass on to your contacts, who can support and influence the cause, to retain an important community service for local community, especially our children, to get to school safely.

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