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## **BUS SERVICE**

Every year I revisit Wellington where I lived for some years, and that is the only time I get to use public transport because they have a system that actually works. After a visit last year, during which I enjoyed seamless bus travel from an outer suburb to the central railway station/bus terminus **without having to change buses en route,** I decided to check out our bus service into the CBD as I had never bothered to use the ChCh buses since my return to this town.

Imagine my surprise when, on checking the Metro website, I discovered that the **quickest** bus route from my suburb to the central city was 51 minutes!!! That time included walking time to and from bus stops, a bus transfer at the extremely dodgy Riccarton hub less than 5 minutes after boarding the first bus, and also a considerable walk into the CBD at my destination as it appears that my bus wouldn't even take me to the new bus terminal!

Bearing in mind that I can drive into the city in 10-15 minutes and that walking can be painful for me, I was never going to find that acceptable. Needless to say, I've now flagged any idea of 'doing my bit' to support public transport in this town - unless ECAN cleans up the mess it's made of public transport and at the very least returns to single journeys for those of us who live well within the city boundaries.

And if anyone from the CCC is listening, I'm not going to hop on a bike, either!

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