

20th September 2018

Dear ECAN Councillor

Letter in support of Petition

I would like to express my strong personal support for the petition being presented today.

As a local city councillor whose ward (the Linwood ward) is deeply impacted on by the cut to the bus services, I urge you to seek a solution to retain them.

I have spent several hours gathering signatures for the petition and have observed first-hand how important these services are to the local community by their desire to sign.

Despite being a member of the local Linwood Central Heathcote Community Board and on the City Council, there has been no engagement with us over potential solutions which I find incredibly disappointing.

I also note that Council submitted for the Community Board and itself opposed to your LTP proposal to cut the bus routes.

I know that there are challenges in regards to patronage and funding. However cutting services in one of the lowest socio-economic areas of the city while at the same time extending in one of the most affluent areas has left local people angry and shocked. It just doesn't seem fair or justified to many.

In conclusion I acknowledge the success of your special consultation in regards to the 145 bus route for that community.

As such I respectfully request that you afford the same commitment and resources to engaging and finding solutions in the east of the city before coming up with your alternative plans.

In the meantime please listen to the community who have spoken strongly through the petition and keep these routes running as best you can.

Yours sincerely



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