

Comments

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Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?	No, I'm submitting as an individual
Are you willing to tell us more about yourself?	Yes
Which age category are you in?	65+ years old
Which suburb or area do you live in?	
Do you think we've prioritised the right issues and opportunities?	Yes
Which of the proposed options would you like to see us progress with?	Option 1: statutory work, prior commitments and accelerating key initiatives
It is important that we hear what you would like to keep in the plan, what you think should be removed, and anything that you think we have missed?	
A remarkable dossier as it stands	
Do you generally support the activities proposed in the following portfolios:	
Water and Land	Yes
Biodiversity and Biosecurity	Yes
Climate Change and Community Resilience	Yes

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Yes

Regional and Strategic Leadership Yes

Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on): . Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development

Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio comments:

The heart of the Beckenham loop and Huxley Street enjoyed regular services for many years before the "Quake in 2011. Since then Route 115 was introduced in 2014 in the "Heading for a Better City . It was bound to fail as it terminated in Sydenham for a "connection" with bus Blue and with only 13 services a day of 29 pre 2011. Cancelled after only 3 months ECAN then attempted to replace with service 112 which, as you can see in my supporting document , was also bound to fail - in fact from memory never got off the ground. A regular service should be restored for a population that has increased with subdivision and rest home additions.

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable for your household? Option 1 is affordable

Is the proposed increase in rates affordable as a whole for the Canterbury community? Yes

Any further comments on affordability for the community?

It is essential for the future of our community -town and country

Do you support the changes we're proposing to how we apply Uniform Annual General Charges? Yes

Would you support the use of borrowing for operating expenditure to offset some of the first year rates? Yes

Any further comments on the use of borrowing for operating expenditure?

no

Do you support the rationale and proposed changes in the draft Fees and Charges Policy? Yes

Any further comments on the Fees and Charges Policy?

no

Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below: Christchurch city including Banks Peninsula

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Kaikoura

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Hurunui

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waimakariri

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Christchurch . On-demand public transport services
Using aquifer recharge to manage freshwater quality

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Selwyn

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Ashburton

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Mackenzie

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Timaru

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waimate

Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waitaki

Do you wish to speak to your submission? Yes

We may use your phone number to contact you to arrange attendance at a hearing. This information will be kept private.

Phone number

Would you like to be kept up-to-date with the outcome of this consultation? Yes

How did you find out about giving feedback? . Other (please specify)

Your information is held and administered by Environment Canterbury in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and Environment Canterbury's Privacy Policy.

There is personal information/contact details in my submission I do not want disclosed: No

"Heading for a Better City" is the title of the Metro Bus Services Review, but the proposed changes do nothing to restore what, for many years, the Beckenham routes 27, 12 and then 15 provided. They were well patronised until the introduction of the 115 "service" (I use that word advisedly!) which dramatically reduced the number of scheduled trips, the frequency to one per hour, and terminating in Sydenham instead of continuing to the CBD.

No heading for a better city here! Little wonder, with the patronage becoming so poor, that a review became necessary, less than three months after its introduction, when Ecan realised they needed to plan afresh, and that their 115 and similar services 111, 114, 118 and 119 were disasters. The review was presented for submissions in early May, only three and half months after 115's launch. This service requires passengers to wait in Sydenham - which in my experience often been more than five minutes - for a connection to Central Station, where a new ticket is required to further connect to other parts of the city and the hospital.

The proposed replacement service is 112 from Barrington Mall to Eastgate via Tennyson Street and St Martins shops. The review states the 112 "mostly replace" the existing 115 which is a nonsense. It does not take passengers North towards the CBD, and in part duplicates, albeit somewhat longer, the Orbiter circuit. West to East. Now large parts of Beckenham, Bowenvale and Huxley Street area would be deprived of any bus, save walks of a least 6 minutes and longer to Colombo Street and Wilsons Road.

The obvious solution is to restore what we used to have and patronise well... a half hourly service that at least terminates at Central Station and the new Bus Interchange. The local population remains stable post- earthquakes, with now just 13 daily services when there had been 29 pre-earthquake.

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