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

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## How did you find out about giving feedback?

Tēnā koe,

Please see attached the Lincoln University Students' Association's Submission on the Long-Term Plan.

Ngā mihi,

**Gregory Fleming** 



LUSA, Ground Floor Forbes, Lincoln University

## Environment Canterbury Long-Term Plan Submission 14 April 2021



Tēnā koutou,

On behalf of the Lincoln University Student Association (LUSA), I would like to acknowledge the mahi that has gone into preparing Environment Canterbury's Long-Term Plan.

In consultation with the student body at Lincoln University, LUSA has identified that public transport is a major issue for tertiary students in Canterbury, especially Lincoln University students.

The following recommendations are based on the feedback given by Lincoln University Students.

1. Offer a student discount on fares

Students based in Auckland, Wellington and Dunedin are eligible for a 25-35% discount on an adult fare. In Ōtautahi (Christchurch) and Central Canterbury, there is no discount offered for students. Although some students live close to Lincoln University, many live in Rolleston and throughout Ōtautahi.

The cost of transport is a significant cost to the majority of students at Lincoln University. A student discount for public transport would ease the financial pressure on them and increase their well-being. Furthermore, it would reduce the carbon footprint of students commuting between Ōtautahi and Lincoln.

2. Waving multi-zone fares for Lincoln University students

A Lincoln University student living in Ōtautahi or Prebbleton are required to pay a Zone 2 fare. Using a metro card, commuting between Lincoln and Ōtautahi, increases the fare from \$2.65 to \$3.85. A trip from the South-West Ōtautahi or Prebbleton to Lincoln is 45% more expensive than a longer trip e.g. Yaldhurst to Lyttleton/Sumner.

Waving multi-zone fares would be more equitable for Lincoln University students, and encourage students to sustainably commute.

3. Increase offered routes between Ōtautahi and Lincoln

Accessibility of public transport between Ōtautahi and Lincoln largely varies by where in the city a student lives. Students who do not live centrally have much longer commuting times between Ōtautahi and Lincoln. For example, using public transport from Somerfield/Spreydon to Lincoln takes 1.5 hours and 2 busses. The same trip takes 20 minutes by car or 1 hour by bike.

Reducing the commute time by offering more routes would encourage students to take the bus.

Thank you for taking the time to read this submission. I would be interested in making an oral submission to Environment Canterbury in addition to this submission.

Ngā mihi,

Gregory Fleming (LUSA President)