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Hi,

I spent my childhood and university years in Christchurch.

Despite spending 20+ years living 5 minutes walk from bus stops in two directions, I never got into using buses.

I just never really tried it, never learned the routes, never got into the habit.

It's crazy - only once I moved cities, 'reset' and reestablished my habits did I get into public transport use.

To change the experience of other young people in Christchurch, please go ahead with targeted free fares (option 1).

A pilot like that will help get young people 'over the line' to try public transport, test out different routes, and discover it can be a great option for them.

Free fares could have changed my experience of living in Christchurch and got me into public transport years sooner.

I would like to make an oral submission if possible via Zoom.

Kind regards

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