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To: Jaireth, Hanna
Subject: Fw: Invitation to participate in parliamentary inquiry on sustainable transport and ACTION buses

Dear Ms. Jaireth

Here I am as an associate member of CCHOACT.

As secretary of Wyuna, one of CCHOACT's member organisations, I represent the members of Wyuna, some of whom are of low income and reliant on public transport.

Quite a few of the feeder routes to the town centres, for example route 260, run at hourly intervals off-peak.

This is quite low relative to the original timetable, and constitutes an inconvenience to those wishing to shop or go to appointments in off-peak times.

I would suggest that a sizeable demographic is affected by low frequency off-peak bus services: the retired, the disabled, housewives (and househusbands), people working from home etc. I would venture that it is as significant as the commuting population, which enjoys high frequency bus services.

I cannot stress enough that in these times of threat from global warming, public transport is one strategy we might well encourage- rather than the opposite.

Yours sincerely

Ross Morton