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Attention: Hanna Jaireth

Dear Hanna

I would just like to voice my opinion on the Action bus situation, I am quite annoyed there is only 52 house in our small community and I feel we have been severely penalised in regard to the new bus time table.

We live in the Causeway (Kingston) up until December 2006 we had a bus run which was the 84 this bus went to Woden from the railway station via Causeway, Kingston, Manuka, Forrest, Deakin, Yarralumla, back in to Deakin past the John James Hospital and Deakin high school, Hugh, Garran, The Canberra Hospital, down Hindmarsh Drive then to Woden Plaza, on the 4th of December 2006, things changed our bus became redundant and the 83 run took over the 84 time table with the exception of come through the loop into the Causeway, we know that the 84 was not used by the residents all the time but it was used every day quite a few times and in the school holidays well.

Now we have a Hugh problem the children that use to catch the 84 to school have to leave home at 7.15 am to walk to Wentworth ave or Kingston shops or the railway station to get the 83 when it is hot they suffer from the heat, when it is cold, foggy and icy it is dangerous when it rains we have to send them to school in a cab as the drives will not drop them at one of the bus stops as it not worth it money wise also we have to pay an \$11 booking fee which works out quite an expensive trip as most people do not have cars.

Cars run the red lights a lot in this area because they take so long to change which is another issue, not only the children suffer the adults do as well especially the elderly, most of them have become prisoners in there own homes as it is to far for them to carry there shopping or they struggle to get to the bus stop on time, I just hope this sort of thing never happens to your mum or dad, I know what you are going to say well they have the 39 run that goes to Civic via Causeway, Kingston and Manuka but it does not always work as 99% of the time the buses pass each other which does not give you enough time to get off one and on to the other, a fair amount of the time the 39 does not even come into the Causeway.

We us to have a weekend service which was the 39 now we have nothing as that has been take away as well.

Action can justify a separate bus for a hand full of naughty school children that makes a special trip from Narrabundah primary school to the Causeway every afternoon because they have to wait for the 484 school bus and they are to naughty for the poor bus drive to handle, personally I would make the little buggers walk with there parents they would soon learn to appreciate the school run, but they can not let us have the 83 do the loop of Causeway.

Also if you go on the 39 to Kingston or Manuka to get a few groceries or any other shopping you only have about 20 minutes to get in and out of the stores other wise you have to wait an hour for another bus home, then a lot of the drives complain about having to go to the Causeway as it cuts into there rest and smoke time at the railway station.

I have Emailed and phoned our local members (both sides of local gov) and the media and they are not willing to help, the local government will have an election soon and guess what we are the voters.

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Regards
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