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Step 1: Your submission

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Short comment

I live in Tasmania and bus service in my suburb in the last ten years has been made less. There is about 6 buses per day when there used to be about 12 and as a result I often miss a bus and will not catch another because it is too long to wait until the next one.

Since this, my health condition has made it harder to access the bus because of weak ankles and being a fall risk I donot feel safe to get off a bus and sometimes the bus driver does not lower the step. I began falling asleep on the bus because of Obstructive sleep Apnoea and stopped catches bus as they do not have seat belts and I didnt feel safe. I applied for a concession taxi card which makes catching Taxi affordable, but I was told by the transport department that I will be unable to use this concession for taxi travel at the end of 2023, making Taxis unaffordable. NDIS is unwilling to increase my transport funding as can catch the bus with transport training.

I would the Transport Services of Tasmania to continue with the half price taxi concession cards because Tasmania is the only state in Australia were the ability to access regular public transport is not possible. Also, as far as I am aware of Tasmania is the only state in Australia to eradicate Taxi concession for people with disabilities.

Step 2: Contact details

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