

General statement of my support for more progress on accessible transport:

Just really making a submission to state my strong support for a political commitment to making transport in this country accessible. As a friend of someone with a disability I find it quite unacceptable that in a such a wealthy country as this one they would need to get someone to meet them at the end of a weekday just so they can get on and off a tram! It is dehumanising.

I would also like to point out that many of the deficiencies that frustrated people with disabilities also frustrate the able-bodied as well! For example, the fact that when you're on a tram, you have to look out the window to see where you are! Or having to make sure you don't fall through the gap between the train and the platform.

A specific comment on taxis and short trips:

Having been unwell recently, I noticed a problem with taxis and short trips. If you can't walk far, you may need to get taxis for short trips. But they often won't show up, or will refuse to take you, if you tell them that you're only travelling so far. It must be difficult for people with disabilities, illnesses, etc.

Regards,

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