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## Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 Feedback form

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Do you wish to speak to your submission at a public hearing?

### Topic 1: Are we focusing on the right things in the plan?

Do you agree that these focus areas capture Otago's public transport priorities?

#### Tell us more:

No There is more to Otago than Just Queenstown and Dunedin, there is a wider rural and country towns (Communities) all part of ORC and are paying their taxes to ORC just like Dunedin and Queenstown.

### Topic 2: Should we support community transport services in smaller towns and rural areas?

**Our proposal:** we are considering the establishment of a subsidised community transport programme providing support for transport services in Otago's smaller towns and rural areas.  
**What do you think about this proposal?**

Do you agree with ORC having a role in supporting community transport services?

**Are there other initiatives or programmes that you think Council should be considering?**

Yes

**Tell us more:**

Community vans to be used by groups and maintained by local bus operator in our area and all booking could be done through Information centres and hired out at a diesel rate per kilometre.

## Topic 3: Should we increase our passenger fares?

**Our proposal:** we are considering increasing the base fare for adult Bee Card passengers from \$2 to \$2.50. This would effectively increase bus fares for all passengers using Bee Cards by 25%.

**What do you think about this proposal?**

**Should Council increase the adult Bee Card fare?**

Yes

**Tell us more:**

Smaller Communities have paid taxes and never had benefits from the bee card fare

## Topic 4: Should we charge more for longer trips?

**Our proposal:** we are considering introducing a zone fare system to our bus networks in Dunedin and Queenstown. Under this system, passengers travelling further distances across multiple zones will pay a higher fare than those travelling short distances within one zone.

**What do you think about this proposal?**

**Should Council charge more for longer trips?**

Yes

**Tell us more:**

Again, Smaller communities often have to go to another town to use the transport for longer journeys, So they ones with easier access should pay more.

## Topic 5: Should we keep our free fares for children (5-12 years)?

**Our proposal:**

- A. Retain free fares (100% discount) for children (5-12 years), **AND**
- B. Standardise our concession discount for youth (13-18 years) to 40% across both the Dunedin and Queenstown networks. For example, if the adult fare is \$2, youth pay \$1.20, or if the adult fare is \$2.50, youth pay \$1.50.

**What do you think about this proposal?**

**Should Council retain free fares (100% discount) for children (5-12 years)?**

No

**Tell us more:**

Why

Again the smaller and rural communities haven't had any benefits from this.

The discount is offered to Dunedin and Queenstown.

**Should Council standardise our concession discount for youth (13-18 years) to 40% across both the Dunedin and Queenstown networks?**

No

**Tell us more:**

Because again its not everyone, getting the discount from smaller communities, It's Dunedin and Queenstown.

## Any other comments?

**Let us know if you have any other comments or ideas on the topics discussed in the Draft Regional Public Transport Plan.**

We do not have public transport

There is a bus that goes from QTN to Dunedin and Back that's It..

So many are unable to use public transport as it is not suitable.

**DRAFT REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT  
PLAN 2025-2035**

Are the focusing on the right things in this plan..

**They Want to improve Public Transport???**

**Sign Here if you agree that the Regional Council should support community transports services in smaller towns and rural areas and NOT JUST in Dunedin and Queenstown.**

Name - Signature



