

PROPOSAL FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE TRAM ROUTE SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 21 April 2008

I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this submission be considered.

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The Heritage Tramways trust supports the proposal to extend the Tram Route.

Since the opening of the tourist tramway the trams have become an Icon of Christchurch City appearing in most tourism publicity and probably on the cameras of many tourists.

The tramway provides a very important link between attractions on its route. This proposed extension will allow tourists and locals to move around a much greater range of attractions on a single ticket.

We see the tram providing economic benefit to the businesses in the area through which the route is proposed as it exposes the strong hospitality sector to the tramway patrons as they pass. If they see these businesses during their daytime travels they will know where to find our city's quality restaurants and bars when they wish to dine.

The use of non polluting electric transport within the CBD must be a real advantage in moving people through these areas.

Electric transport will become an important part of the city's future as oil supplies dwindle and prices continue to rise. Any extension of the tourist tramway must help in setting up the infrastructure to be used in years to come when we find the city needs a new tramway service to meet public transport aims.

The Heritage Tramways Trust has supported the existing tourist tramways operation since its inception with the provision of vehicles and maintenance services. We support any future expansion that may allow us to provide more of the same services.