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Taxi, Private Bus & Ferry Reviews
Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal of NSW
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Dear Sirs,

On behalf of the Pensioners and Senior Citizens of the Central Coast of NSW, I am writing to voice my concerns regarding the Private Bus fares. I feel that all Pensioner concession fares should be a universal expense, which means a rise in cost from \$1.10 to \$2.20 for **all** concession tickets. Parts of the Metropolitan area and other applicable suburbs which have Government transport have passengers who are only required to pay \$1.10 and can travel all day and get on and off transport where necessary. They have a distinct advantage over other pensioner concessions on Private transport. These private concessions are half the normal adult fare and are good for one trip only without the benefit of being able to get on and off when desired.

To shop at Erina Fair at Erina, it costs \$7.80 return concession (last time I used the service), whilst I can travel to Hornsby for \$2.20 return concession, therefore my money is going away from the Central Coast where I can be patronizing business in my own area.

I feel with the extra revenue raised, it would go a long way to subsidizing and supporting the Private buses with cheaper fares for **all** concession holders who would utilize the services more often.

Yours faithfully

William Whit

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