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Preliminary

1 Background

1.1 Passenger Transport Act

- (a) Under section 123(1) of the Passenger Transport Act, the Minister may refer to IPART, with the approval of the Minister administering the IPART Act, all or any of the services provided by one or more public passenger services for determination of, or a recommendation as to:
 - (i) appropriate maximum fares for the services;
 - (ii) appropriate maximum fares for specified fares or classes of fares for the service or services.
- (b) Under section 124(1) of the Passenger Transport Act, IPART is to conduct investigations and report to the Minister on the appropriate maximum fares if a referral is made under section 123(1).
- (c) By letter dated February 2017, IPART received a referral from the Minister, with the approval of the Minister administering the IPART Act, to investigate and report on the determination of appropriate maximum fares for Rural and Regional Bus Services.

1.2 IPART Act

The following provisions of the IPART Act apply in making a determination under Part 7 of the Passenger Transport Act:

- (a) sections 13A-14A (in relation to the approaches to be applied in making pricing determinations); and
- (b) Divisions 6 and 7 of Part 3 (in relation to the publication of reports and conduct of investigations).

2 Application of this determination

- (a) This determination fixes appropriate maximum fares for Rural and Regional Bus Services.
- (b) This determination commences on 1 January 2018 (**Commencement Date**).
- (c) This determination applies from the Commencement Date until the earlier of:
 - (i) 31 December 2020; and
 - (ii) the date on which this determination is replaced.

- (d) The appropriate maximum fares that apply under this determination on 31 December 2020 continue to apply beyond that day, until this determination is replaced.

3 Replacement of Determination No. 7 of 2012

This determination replaces Determination No. 7 of 2012 from the Commencement Date. The replacement does not affect anything done or omitted to be done, or rights or obligations accrued, under Determination No. 7 of 2012.

4 Compliance with this determination

- (a) Under section 125(2) of the Passenger Transport Act, Transport for NSW may not determine a fare under a fares order that exceeds any maximum Fare determined by IPART, or that is determined otherwise than in accordance with a methodology determined by IPART, under Part 7 of the Passenger Transport Act.
- (b) Under section 125(6) of the Passenger Transport Act, a person may not demand a Fare that exceeds any maximum Fare determined by Transport for NSW.

5 Approach to determining maximum Fares

In making this determination, IPART has had regard to a broad range of matters including:

- (a) the matters specified by the Minister in the referral pursuant to section 123(2)(b) of the Passenger Transport Act; and
- (b) the matters set out in section 124(3) of the Passenger Transport Act.

6 Pricing Schedules

- (a) Schedule 1 sets out the appropriate maximum fares for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under Single Trip Tickets.
- (b) Schedule 2 sets out the appropriate maximum fares for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under Daily Tickets for Trips <2km.
- (c) Schedule 3 sets out the appropriate maximum fares for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under Daily Tickets for Trips <10km.
- (d) Schedule 4 sets out the appropriate maximum fares for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under Daily Tickets for Trips <25km.
- (e) Schedule 5 sets out the appropriate maximum fares for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under Daily Tickets for Trips <40km.

- (f) Schedule 6 sets out the appropriate maximum fares for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under Daily Tickets for Trips <60km.
- (g) Schedule 7 sets out the appropriate maximum fares for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under Daily Tickets for Trips <90km.
- (h) Schedule 8 sets out the appropriate maximum fares for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under Daily Tickets for Trips <120km.
- (i) Schedule 9 sets out the appropriate maximum fares for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under Daily Tickets for Trips <160km.
- (j) Schedule 10 sets out the appropriate maximum fares for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under Daily Tickets for Trips <200km.
- (k) Schedule 11 sets out the appropriate maximum fares for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under Daily Tickets for Trips of Any Trip Distance.

7 Definitions and interpretation

Schedule 12 sets out definitions and interpretation provisions used in this determination.

Schedule 1 Maximum fares for Single Trip Tickets

1 Maximum fares for the 2018 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2018 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Single Trip Ticket is the fare specified in Table 1 below for the applicable Trip Distance.

Table 1 Maximum fares for the 2018 calendar year for Single Trip Tickets

Trip Distance (km)	Maximum fare (\$)
0 to less than 2	2.30
2 to less than 10	3.40
10 to less than 25	4.90
25 to less than 40	7.20
40 to less than 60	9.60
60 to less than 90	14.40
90 to less than 120	20.80
120 to less than 160	29.20
160 to less than 200	38.70
200 or more	48.20

2 Maximum fares for the 2019 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2019 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Single Trip Ticket is the fare specified in Table 2 below for the applicable Trip Distance.

Table 2 Maximum fares for the 2019 calendar year for Single Trip Tickets

Trip Distance (km)	Maximum fare (\$)
0 to less than 2	2.40
2 to less than 10	3.50
10 to less than 25	5.00
25 to less than 40	7.40
40 to less than 60	9.80
60 to less than 90	14.80
90 to less than 120	21.30
120 to less than 160	29.90
160 to less than 200	39.70
200 or more	49.40

3 Maximum fares for the 2020 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2020 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Single Trip Ticket is the fare specified in Table 3 below for the applicable Trip Distance.

Table 3 Maximum Fares for the 2020 calendar year for Single Trip Tickets

Trip Distance (km)	Maximum fare (\$)
0 to less than 2	2.40
2 to less than 10	3.60
10 to less than 25	5.10
25 to less than 40	7.60
40 to less than 60	10.10
60 to less than 90	15.10
90 to less than 120	21.90
120 to less than 160	30.70
160 to less than 200	40.70
200 or more	50.60

Schedule 2 Maximum fares for Daily Tickets for Trips <2km

1 Maximum fares for the 2018 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2018 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <2km is \$6.90.

2 Maximum fares for the 2019 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2019 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <2km is \$7.20.

3 Maximum fares for the 2020 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2020 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <2km is \$7.20.

Schedule 3 Maximum fares for Daily Tickets for Trips <10km

1 Maximum fares for the 2018 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2018 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <10km is \$9.10.

2 Maximum fares for the 2019 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2019 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <10km is \$9.40.

3 Maximum fares for the 2020 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2020 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <10km is \$9.60.

Schedule 4 Maximum fares for Daily Tickets for Trips <25km

1 Maximum fares for the 2018 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2018 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <25km is \$12.10.

2 Maximum fares for the 2019 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2019 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <25km is \$12.40.

3 Maximum fares for the 2020 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2020 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <25km is \$12.60.

Schedule 5 Maximum fares for Daily Tickets for Trips <40km

1 Maximum fares for the 2018 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2018 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <40km is \$16.70.

2 Maximum fares for the 2019 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2019 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <40km is \$17.20.

3 Maximum fares for the 2020 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2020 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <40km is \$17.60.

Schedule 6 Maximum fares for Daily Tickets for Trips <60km

1 Maximum fares for the 2018 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2018 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <60km is \$21.50.

2 Maximum fares for the 2019 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2019 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <60km is \$22.00.

3 Maximum fares for the 2020 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2020 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <60km is \$22.60.

Schedule 7 Maximum fares for Daily Tickets for Trips <90km

1 Maximum fares for the 2018 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2018 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <90km is \$31.10.

2 Maximum fares for the 2019 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2019 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <90km is \$32.00.

3 Maximum fares for the 2020 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2020 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <90km is \$32.60.

Schedule 8 Maximum fares for Daily Tickets for Trips <120km

1 Maximum fares for the 2018 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2018 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <120km is \$43.90.

2 Maximum fares for the 2019 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2019 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <120km is \$45.00.

3 Maximum fares for the 2020 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2020 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <120km is \$46.20.

Schedule 9 Maximum fares for Daily Tickets for Trips <160km

1 Maximum fares for the 2018 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2018 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <160km is \$60.70.

2 Maximum fares for the 2019 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2019 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <160km is \$62.20.

3 Maximum fares for the 2020 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2020 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <160km is \$63.80.

Schedule 10 Maximum fares for Daily Tickets for Trips <200km

1 Maximum fares for the 2018 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2018 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <200km is \$79.70.

2 Maximum fares for the 2019 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2019 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <200km is \$81.80.

3 Maximum fares for the 2020 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2020 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips <200km is \$83.80.

Schedule 11 Maximum fares for Daily Tickets for Trips of Any Trip Distance

1 Maximum fares for the 2018 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2018 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips of Any Trip Distance is \$98.70.

2 Maximum fares for the 2019 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2019 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips of Any Trip Distance is \$101.20.

3 Maximum fares for the 2020 calendar year

The maximum fare for the 2020 calendar year for Rural and Regional Bus Services supplied under a Daily Ticket for Trips of Any Trip Distance is \$103.60.

Schedule 12 Definitions and interpretation

1 Definitions

Bus Service has the meaning given to that term in section 4(1) of the Passenger Transport Act as at the Commencement Date.

Commencement Date has the meaning set out in clause 2(b) of the Preliminary section of this determination.

Daily Ticket for Trips <2km means a Ticket which entitles a passenger to make an unlimited number of Trips during a single Day, each with a Trip Distance of less than 2km, regardless of whether the Trips are made with a single Operator or multiple different Operators.

Daily Ticket for Trips <10km means a Ticket which entitles a passenger to make an unlimited number of Trips during a single Day, each with a Trip Distance of less than 10km, regardless of whether the Trips are made with a single Operator or multiple different Operators.

Daily Ticket for Trips <25km means a Ticket which entitles a passenger to make an unlimited number of Trips during a single Day, each with a Trip Distance of less than 25km, regardless of whether the Trips are made with a single Operator or multiple different Operators.

Daily Ticket for Trips <40km means a Ticket which entitles a passenger to make an unlimited number of Trips during a single Day, each with a Trip Distance of less than 40km, regardless of whether the Trips are made with a single Operator or multiple different Operators.

Daily Ticket for Trips <60km means a Ticket which entitles a passenger to make an unlimited number of Trips during a single Day, each with a Trip Distance of less than 60km, regardless of whether the Trips are made with a single Operator or multiple different Operators.

Daily Ticket for Trips <90km means a Ticket which entitles a passenger to make an unlimited number of Trips during a single Day, each with a Trip Distance of less than 90km, regardless of whether the Trips are made with a single Operator or multiple different Operators.

Daily Ticket for Trips <120km means a Ticket which entitles a passenger to make an unlimited number of Trips during a single Day, each with a Trip Distance of less than 120km, regardless of whether the Trips are made with a single Operator or multiple different Operators.

Daily Ticket for Trips <160km means a Ticket which entitles a passenger to make an unlimited number of Trips during a single Day, each with a Trip Distance of less than 160km, regardless of whether the Trips are made with a single Operator or multiple different Operators.

Daily Ticket for Trips <200km means a Ticket which entitles a passenger to make an unlimited number of Trips during a single Day, each with a Trip Distance of less than 200km, regardless of whether the Trips are made with a single Operator or multiple different Operators.

Daily Ticket for Trips of Any Trip Distance means a Ticket which entitles a passenger to make an unlimited number of Trips of any Trip Distance during a single Day, regardless of whether the Trips are made with a single Operator or multiple different Operators.

Day means a period beginning at 4.00am and ending at the following 3.59am.

IPART means the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of New South Wales established under the IPART Act.

IPART Act means the *Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992* (NSW).

Minister means the Minister administering the Passenger Transport Act.

Operator means a person who provides a Bus Service under a Passenger Service Contract.

Passenger Service Contract has the meaning given to that term in section 4(1) of the Passenger Transport Act.

Passenger Transport Act means the *Passenger Transport Act 2014* (NSW).

Public Passenger Service has the meaning given to that term in section 5 of the Passenger Transport Act.

Rural and Regional Bus Services:

- (a) means all Bus Services to which Division 2 of Part 7 of the Passenger Transport Act applies which are supplied:
 - (i) under a Passenger Service Contract; and
 - (ii) in, or partly in, a Rural and Regional Contract Region; and
- (b) excludes, for the avoidance of any doubt:
 - (i) any Public Passenger Services provided on an on-demand basis; and
 - (ii) any NSW TrainLink bus or coach service.

Rural and Regional Contract Region means all areas of New South Wales other than the regions:

- (a) numbered 1-12 on the map in Appendix A to this determination; and
- (b) the regions numbered 1-10 and 12-15 on the map in Appendix B to this determination.

Single Trip Ticket means a Ticket which entitles a passenger to make one Trip.

Ticket means the proof of entitlement to travel on a Rural and Regional Bus Service.

Transport for NSW means Transport for NSW as constituted under the *Transport Administration Act 1988* (NSW).

Trip means a single instance of travel using a Rural and Regional Bus Service in which a passenger boards a bus at one location, travels on that bus, and disembarks that bus at a second location.

Trip Distance means the distance that a bus is expected to travel during a Trip, and, for the avoidance of any doubt, does not mean the length of the geodesic line between where a passenger gets on a bus at the start of a Trip and where the passenger gets off the bus at the end of a Trip.

2 Interpretation

2.1 General provisions

In this determination:

- (a) headings are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of this determination;
- (b) a reference to a schedule, clause or table is a reference to a schedule to, clause of, or table in, this determination unless otherwise indicated;
- (c) a construction that would promote a purpose or object expressly or impliedly underlying the IPART Act or the Passenger Transport Act is to be preferred to a construction that would not promote that purpose or object;
- (d) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (e) a reference to a law or statute includes regulations, rules, codes and other instruments (including licences) under it and consolidations, amendments, reenactments or replacements of them or of the law or statute itself;
- (f) where a word is defined, other grammatical forms of that word have a corresponding meaning;
- (g) a reference to a day is to a calendar day;

- (h) a reference to a month is to a calendar month;
- (i) a reference to a person includes a reference to the person's executors, administrators, successors, substitutes (including, but not limited to, persons taking by novation), replacements and assigns;
- (j) a reference to an officer includes a reference to the officer which replaces it or which substantially succeeds to its powers or functions; and
- (k) a reference to a body, whether statutory or not:
 - (i) which ceases to exist; or
 - (ii) whose powers or functions are transferred to another body,is a reference to the body which replaces it or which substantially succeeds to its powers or functions.

2.2 Explanatory notes and clarification notice

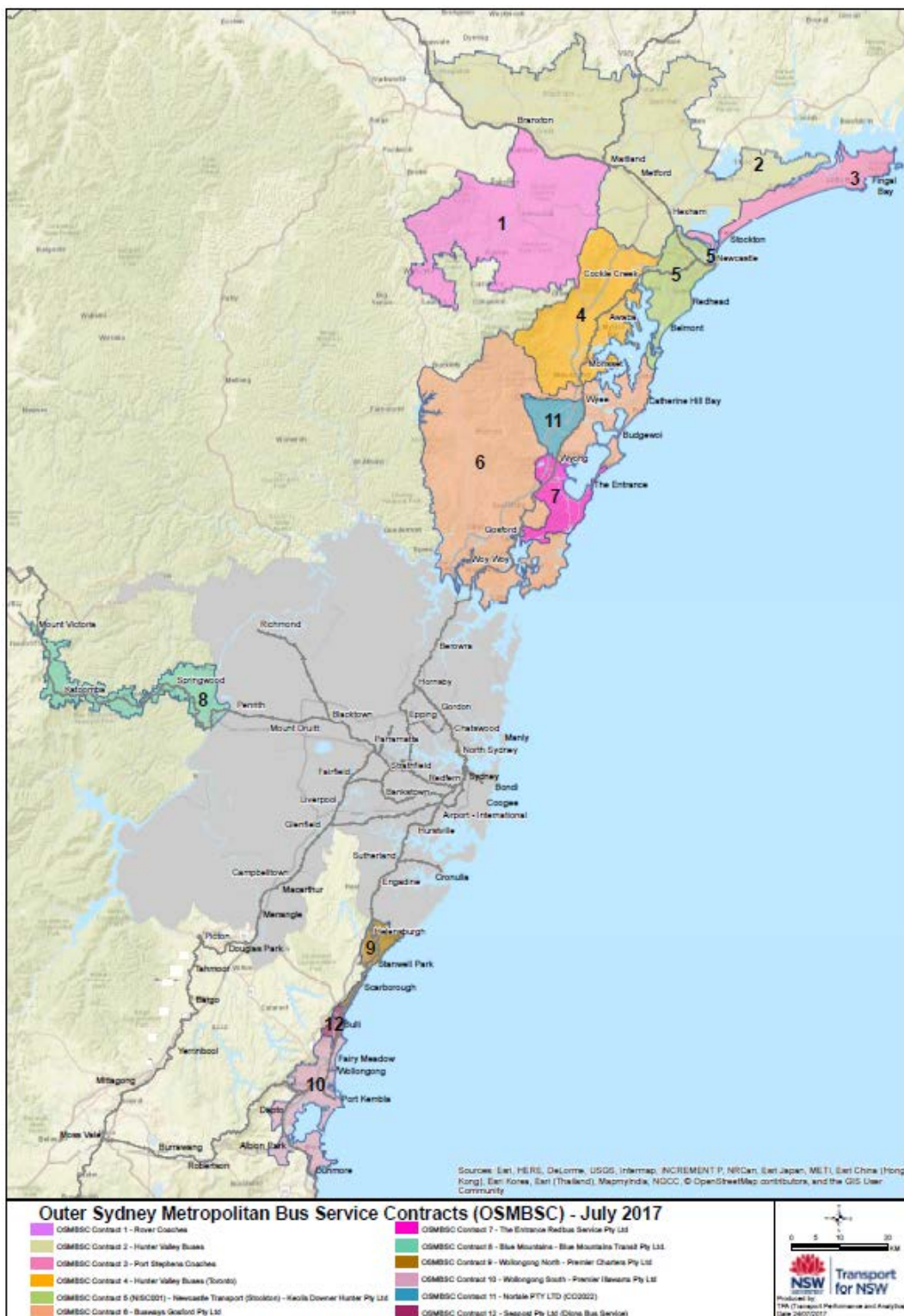
- (a) Explanatory notes do not form part of this determination, but in the case of uncertainty may be relied on for interpretation purposes.
- (b) IPART may publish a clarification notice in the NSW Government Gazette to correct any manifest error in this determination. Such a clarification notice is taken to form part of this determination.

2.3 Maximum fares inclusive of GST

Maximum fares set out in this determination include GST.

Appendices

A Outer Sydney Metropolitan Bus Service Contracts map



B Sydney Metropolitan Bus Service Contracts map

