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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I make a submission in response to the Draft IPART Report on Maximum fares for rural and regional bus services in joint consultation with Tamworth bus companies in the Tamworth electorate.

While I am aware of our bus companies generally charging less than the set bus fare, they raised concerns in relation to contracts and other issues that are detailed in their submission.

I support them in their concerns and do not wish to see an adverse outcome financially for businesses or bus companies operating in the Tamworth electorate.

I know that bus companies go above and beyond their contractual arrangements when delivering a service to our communities. In regional NSW the service is much more personal than in the city. Once size does not fit all and this personalised service needs to be taken into consideration when dealing with local bus companies in regional NSW.

I support the submission to IPART by BusNSW who have also received input from bus companies in the Tamworth electorate, following my meetings with these local companies.

Yours sincerely

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