

To: IPART Mailbox
Subject: Bus Fare Review

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am making a Submission to the "Review of Metropolitan & Outer Metropolitan Bus Services for 2010".

Please make this public in it's entirety, and PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THIS SUBMISSION TO:

Your Draft Determination is fatally flawed in that it assumes that all Bus Operators should get the same increase in bus fares, for no better increase in fare options.

Every For-Profit bus company *MUST*, in my opinion, be forced to offer TravelTen and other Discounts for bulk purchase of tickets, just as Sydney Buses & Mount Kuring-gai Bus Company does now.

For instance, where I live in WoyWoy, you will give Sydney Buses, a fully-owned Government operator, the same payrise as Busways Buses, a wholly 100% private For-Profit operator.

What for?

Busways does not provide anywhere near the same amount of ticketing options as Sydney Buses. There are no Traveltens, there are no Prepurchase tickets, nor are there any Bus-and-Train Ticket discounts.

Before any fare increases to For-Profit Bus companies, you must force them to offer the same types of tickets as Sydney Buses.

Why should Regional people like myself suffer all because we have a cheap, scummy bus company like Busways, rather than a rich, Government-owned bus company, like Sydney Buses?

Yours Sincerely,

Alex Portnoy