

IPART Bus and Ferry Fares Inquiry

Public transport in Sydney first started to run down when the Cahill Labour Government removed the trams infrastructure from the streets of Sydney. It has been allowed to run down ever since. The failure of CityRail and rising ferry prices has put additional pressure onto bus services and increased road congestion.

There should be no increase in bus and ferry fares until there is an improvement in bus services, and improved ferry timetables including:

- * better on time arrivals and departures and improved dependability;
- * wider concession status;
- * adequate provision of bus stops with improved signage; and
- * better training for bus drivers so they are more polite and courteous to passengers.

I request the Government to provide ferry access to the densely populated areas of Woolloomooloo, Potts Point, Darling Point, Elizabeth Bay and Rushcutters Bay. Ferry services should be expanded.

Public transport should be expanded and upgraded with reintroduction of trams on key routes

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