

Blue Mountains Commuter & Transport Users Assoc.In.

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Date: 26th Nov.07

To Mr. James Cox
Chief Executive Officer
IPART

Dear Sir.

On behalf of the Association Members I wish to make the following points in relation to the Outer Metropolitan Bus Service Contract OMBSC.

The harmonisation of the fare structure is greatly appreciated as this action should assist our endeavour to introduce bus services from the Blue Mountains Local Government Area into the Penrith Local Government Area.

The Blue Mountains Bus Company and ourselves are endeavouring to introduce bus services to that provide a direct link from the Mountains to specific destinations in the Penrith Area such as Nepean Public and Private Hospital TAFE and University. This will avoid to a certain extent change between buses and thus saving of time and greater use of the bus fleet.

Information presented to IPART indicates no increase in patronage also my observations are that the majority of users are pensioners which in this case the fare remains at \$2.50 hence the return to the Bus Company may be marginal (This is on the Blue Mountains Bus Company services)

The Association believes the introduction of an Integrated Ticketing System is long overdue a simple Zonal Fare Structure that allows a discount on a number of journeys taken should have been considered before the T card Contract was signed...

In reference to the 20,00KM Purchase. May we suggest that this be applied to a trial of route service?

The Association is fully aware that in the Regional Areas the chief mode of transport is the car consequently there must be a cultural change. The influence of rising petrol costs aging population etc may change this.

I submit this for your consideration

Yours faithfully

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