

1 FROM THE NSW COMMUTER COUNCIL

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Dear Mr Cox,

The NSW Commuter Council again appreciates the opportunity to provide input to the current review of bus fares. This submission responds to matters raised by the Ministry of Transport and the Bus and Coach Association, and also raises other matters for consideration by the Tribunal.

As you are aware, Commuter Associations were formed in the late sixties in most areas of Sydney with the objective of identifying and representing the needs and wishes of commuters.

Subsequently, in the early seventies, the government supported the formation of a central body to improve the opportunity of commuter associations of jointly considering and representing those needs and wishes.

Some factors to be considered included fares and services.

In the mid seventies, the Wran Government formed the Commuter Council which absorbed the pre-existing central group.

Since then the Commuter Council has met at least monthly to consider issues of concern to commuters.

The NSW Commuter Council, at its monthly meeting on 12/9/2006 considered the matter of the fare review for buses and ferries currently being considered by IPART.

After considerable discussion and consideration, the Council decided to support and endorse most of the submission being submitted by Action for Public Transport, a copy of the main items is shown below.

The commuter council seeks the opportunity to appear at the public hearing.

Regards

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CHAIR