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Submission to: The Inquiry into Bus Fares

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Dear Sir.

I wish to submit the following to the Inquiry into Bus Fares. The following points for consideration are.

- The Association requests the Inquiry to include in the deliberation that the Regulatory Authorities who ever they may be should ensure that they resist the temptation to over regulate either by regulations or conditions of a contract that is excessive and lack of commonsense and practicality.
- We suggest that there should be some model or management tool that ensures that the regulations and other binding controls etc that ensures the ratio of the number of employees to management staff are in accordance with good management practices and thus increasing overhead costs that affects the costs of fares.
- The Association agrees with Action for Public Transport that all fares charged by operators should be the same for equivalent distances.
- In the Blue Mountains and similar areas the Association believes that the fare structure should be competitive with Rail Fares.
- The Association request that all concession fares should be available on private buses Note The Association reason for the last two points we may be able to provide supplementary services by buses to the rail services also it may assist in developing services on the Great Western highway until such time the rail service can provide when the patronage warrants same we recognize that it may be over time.
- The Commission should ensure that DOT has such financial auditing procedures of transport providers that reduces the situation that has occurred with a North Coast Operator and Westbus.
- The Inquiry should ensure that there is consideration given to auditing procedures that ensures that when poor management decisions by an operator should not be an excuse for higher fares.

- The Association agrees that the Travel Ten systems should be available on all bus routes in the regional and Metropolitan Areas.

We have no objection to placing our submission for public comment I also thank you once again for taking part in the Inquiry process.

Paul Trevaskis HonSect.