



Gladys Berejiklian MP
Premier of New South Wales

Reference: A1977187

21 FEB 2017

The Hon. Andrew Constance MP
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure
GPO 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Minister Constance,

IPART review of rural and regional bus fares

Thank you for your correspondence of 2 February 2017 seeking approval to refer the review of maximum rural and regional bus fares to IPART.

I agree to your proposal. As such, I enclose the signed referral.

Yours faithfully,

Gladys Berejiklian MP
Premier
Member for Willoughby



Passenger Transport Act 2014
Section 123(1)(a)

Referral

I, the Hon Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, with the approval of the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier of New South Wales and Minister administering the *Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992*, under section 123(1)(a) of the *Passenger Transport Act 2014*, refer to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) the following matter for investigation and report:

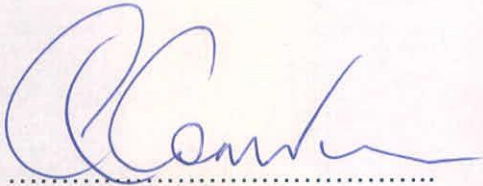
Appropriate maximum fares for rural and regional bus services.

In addition to the matters contained in section 124 of the *Passenger Transport Act 2014*, the following matters are referred to IPART, under section 123(2)(b) of the *Passenger Transport Act 2014*, for consideration in undertaking this investigation:

- The equity of current fares compared to Sydney metropolitan bus fares.
- Benefits and costs from simplifying the current fare structure.
- Issues related to travel across borders, including concession fares and different eligibility criteria between states.
- The development of on demand services in regional areas.
- Issues related to eligibility of concession fares in NSW and the level of subsidy provided by the NSW Government.
- Customers' willingness and capacity to pay given demographics and current service quality in regional NSW

IPART is to publish a draft report as soon as practicable but no later than 15 September 2017.

IPART is to submit its final report and determination under this referral to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure as soon as practicable but no later than 15 December 2017, or such later date as notified in writing by the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.



Signed:
Hon Andrew Constance MP
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure

Date: 2/2/17



Signed:
Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP
Premier of NSW

Date: 20/2/2017