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19 June 2003

Dr Tom Parry  
Chairman  
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW  
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Dear Dr Parry,

### **Submission on Review of Fares for Public Transport Services 2003**

Councillor Rose Watson, Council's Team Leader – Traffic & Transport, Mr John Stephens and I met with the Honourable Michael Costa MLC, Minister for Transport Services, on 28 May 2003 to discuss improvements to the operation of the "Better Buses Eastern Suburbs" project following bus service cuts in the Woollahra Municipality.

I handed Minister Costa a Submission that requested a review of bus services focussing on:

- Restore trunk route services (324 & 387) on New South Head Road and Old South Head Road,
- Reinstate Route 321 service between Bondi Junction and Rose Bay with a connection to Bondi Beach,
- Reduce bunching of buses and provide more even spread of services,
- Align the spread of bus services at Edgecliff to reflect train timetables,
- Provide services to the Rose Bay Ferry interchange with direct connections to the peak hour ferry services from buses operating along the trunk routes, similar to other inner Harbour ferry services.
- Provide through tickets on a single, multi use and periodical basis that does not contain any transfer tax e.g. the Blue Travel-Pass should be available in a 10 trip ticket form as well as a single ticket.

You will note that the last paragraph above requested that there be no penalty to transport users using through ticketing and Appendix 1 to the Submission also included the following heading on 'Through Tickets':

*“Through Tickets*

*An essential element of this year’s fare review should be the provision of through tickets on a single, multi use and periodical basis that does not contain any transfer tax e.g. the Blue Travel-Pass should be available in a 10 trip ticket form as well as a single ticket.*

*These tickets should include travel up from Circular Quay by train or bus at no additional cost.”*

At the present time our resident commuters are being penalised e.g. those using a bus / ferry combination for travel to and from home to the CBD.

I would be grateful if you could seriously consider the above important ticketing issue as part of IPART’s “Review of Fares for Public Transport Services 2003” as this will assist in encouraging our residents and the general public to transfer from their private motor vehicle usage to public transport.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Comino', written in a cursive style.

Councillor John Comino  
Mayor