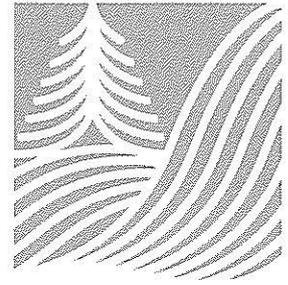


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INQUIRY INTO INTER-REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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The Committee Manager
State and Regional Development Committee
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Inter-regional Public Transport

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this important inquiry.

Country Link in it's various form provides an important transport linkage system for regional New South Wales residents, particularly for areas such as Tumut, that has no rail service.

Country residents do not have the luxury of an intensive public transport system either locally or inter-regionally, if they do not own a private motor vehicle.

Residents, particularly the young and elderly rely on Country Link as the only service to provide public inter-regional transport.

Council regularly receives submissions concerning the time tabling of services particularly the long wait at Cootamundra to connect and the 6 hours travel time to get to Canberra.

It is important, from a regional development perspective, that the State has an efficient and schedule friendly transport network such as Country Link.

Services and infrastructure should be designed to recognize the aging population to allow access for all.

Tumut Shire Council supports the continued operation of the Country Link Service.

Yours/Faithfully,

R K Stewart
GENERAL MANAGER