

**Submission
No 3**

INQUIRY INTO INTER-REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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To whom it may concern.

After reading Andrew Gee's submission in the Wellington Times (19/3/12) about the lack of transport in regional areas, I thoroughly agree.

Not only is Wellington disadvantaged, most of the smaller towns in our area is too. I am a regular customer of Countrylink and have travelled to Melbourne in the past and have had to arrive in Sydney at least 4 hours early so I didn't miss the connection to Melbourne.

Also a morning train or coach to Dubbo would be great to, so people could make the most of shopping and then return home in the afternoon by coach if it was available. Another option would be to have the Countrylink Explorer service available from Bathurst so we as customers didn't have to endure such a long journey by coach.

Another downfall is if we wanted to travel to Mudgee we have to go via Lithgow, such a long way to travel when it is only 2 hours away from Wellington!

I'm sure there are a lot of disadvantaged people who have to travel for appointments etc but have to cancel because there is no or little transport options available. So please City Rail, Countrylink and private coach operators, put all your resources together and make transport available to everyone, no matter where or how far they live from the city.

Thanking you
Loretta Marks