

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO INTER-REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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We moved to Bathurst from Penrith in July, 2011. We have found train the most economical and relaxing way to travel back to Sydney, given the high cost of petrol and congestion on Sydney's roads, plus the effort of finding a parking spot in Sydney.

However, having to book a seat on the coach to Lithgow, to then meet the inter urban train service to Sydney is most inconvenient. Standing on Lithgow Station platform waiting for the Sydney service on a cold, wet and foggy day is very unpleasant. It would be far easier if there was a regular Bathurst-Sydney service so that passengers could board and alight from the train once during the journey to Sydney.

If there is no seat available on the coach service between Bathurst-Lithgow, it means someone has to drive for 40 minutes to either drop a passenger or collect a passenger from the inter urban service from Sydney. Bathurst is a growing area, with many former Sydney residents moving here. The City of Bathurst should have a regular train service to Sydney.