

**Supplementary
Submission**

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INQUIRY INTO INTER-REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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Dear State and Regional Development Committee,

Thank you for meeting with me on 7 February 2013 to elaborate on our Group's submission to the Inquiry into Inter-Regional Public Transport.

At our subsequent meeting on 14 February 2013 the Group agreed to put forward two supplementary suggestions. We kindly request you consider the following

1) That CountryLink improve accessibility for the carriage of bicycles on their trains including:

- a) increasing the number designated number of bicycles space
- b) have greater flexibility with carriage of bicycles, that is, if all designated bicycle spaces are occupied, yet not all luggage space is taken, some of this space can be available to carry additional bicycles.
- b) not requiring any disassembly and boxing of bicycles

2) That staffed on-board food and beverage outlets (buffets) be retained on all CountryLink trains.

We consider these buffets to be a core positive feature of these services.

It is not considered that vending machines could provide a comparable service, and the removal of buffets would lessen the attractiveness and therefore viability of CountryLink passenger rail services.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss these matters further.

Kind Regards,

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