

**Submission  
No 49**

**ACCESS TO TRANSPORT FOR SENIORS AND  
DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE IN RURAL AND  
REGIONAL NSW**

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I live in a rural area which has limited public transport opportunities. Whilst there is a bus in one direction 3 days a week, and the school bus in the other direction which operates on school days, there is very little information about these services and so they are largely unknown by the general public. I would encourage the creation of signage and pamphlets to let local people know that these services exist, and when and where to catch them from. Also if there was information available on the internet that would be very helpful. These services are not designed to connect with the long-distance services in the towns, which travel to the capital cities, and this is very problematic. For example, the bus arrives in Tenterfield 5 minutes AFTER the bus to Brisbane leaves. There are very few people who utilise these services, which I understand could make the continuation of them problematic. More public information would create more passengers, and the on-flow of benefits includes cost savings for petrol, less traffic on the roads, less environmental pollution, less wear and tear on the roads, and more community cohesion. I have contacted the bus companies and the local council repeatedly, asking for signage to be placed at the bus stops, with no result as unfortunately they just don't seem to care. For some people, getting to the highway in order to catch the bus is difficult, so perhaps a local service could be created for a short-distance pick-up/drop-off. Another idea is to encourage people to car-pool, which would save petrol money. Perhaps an initiative could be created which made it easy for people to connect and organise trips to town for shopping and medical appointments.