

**Submission
No 50**

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

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I write on behalf of the Northern Rivers Guardians, Inc. a community action group with more than 600 members. We advocate an integrated public transport system for Northern NSW.

We are concerned that fossil fuels dependency is causing ever-increasing climate change problems. If we do not start to take these matters seriously we won't leave the world in a good state for future generations. We need to do all we can and not simply say it should be fixed by someone else.

We believe that light rail is a viable and safe option for the future of transport in our region. Not only do trains serve to reduce traffic and parking problems, the general public can all use trains: including people who can't drive or don't have access to private vehicles, such as young people, the aged and the infirm.

The level loading facilities at train stations is a big advantage over buses and these latter are not suitable for long distances for many passengers.

Please accept that government is needed to provide services for the whole community, not only for the wealthy investors here and overseas.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Sledge

President

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