

**Submission  
No 68**

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

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**Position:**

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Dear Sir, Ma'am,

Thank you for the chance to enter a submission to this inquiry. Up in the northern rivers we have an issue with transport from Casino to Byron bay. The roads are notoriously dangerous and busy. Just last year my heart went out to a family that lost a beautiful 4 yr old girl who could possibly be alive if there was an option for the babysitter to take the kids on a train to their destination. A good portion of the infrastructure is still intact and so to re open this facility would be more sustainable and cost effective than upgrading roads. When addressing rural communities accessing public transport, two important points can also be considered cost not just in a dollars sense but in a social and environmental sense. but sustainability. Rail has a much lesser impact on the environment and with today's technologies and efficiency can be operated more effectively then when the train was closed in the 90's. With the prospect of High speed rail being built between our major capital cities and the huge growth in population in norther NSW. The towns in particular like Byron Bay cannot sustain the traffic congestion and is having a negative impact on the economic growth potential. Please consider what we see private enterprise already cashing in on. Both with the private train being established in Byron Bay and Also the Private Consortium making headway to High speed rail from Sydney to Melbourne.

Regards  
Caleb bond