

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

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The Chair
Legislative Assembly Committee on Community Services
Parliament House, Macquarie Street,
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Mr Marshall,

SUBMISSION: INQUIRY INTO ACCESS TO TRANSPORT FOR SENIORS AND DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE IN RURAL AND REGIONAL NSW

I refer to your recent letter inviting Parkes Shire Council to provide a submission to the Legislative Assembly Committee on Community Services for the above inquiry.

Parkes Shire Council welcomes any government assistance that will facilitate greater access to transport for seniors and disadvantaged people in the Parkes Shire. Seniors and disadvantaged people in the Parkes Shire will benefit from:

- Increased availability of routes and timetabling for transport within the Shire including linking the smaller townships of the Shire with Parkes and for transport outside of the Shire to other regional centres. The decline of services in smaller rural townships is leading to further social isolation and disadvantage in terms of access to services.
- Increased support for the cost of private transport and/or increased funding for community transport particularly in regard to disability transport.
- Increased support for transporting young children (0-5) to pre-school, daycare or other early learning programs.

Thank you for considering this submission as part of the inquiry. If you have any further questions please contact Parkes Shire Council on 6861 2333 or Pam Symonds, Executive Officer of Neighbourhood Central, Parkes Office, on [REDACTED].

Yours faithfully


GENERAL MANAGER