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They presided over an increase in the maintenance backlog from \$440m in 2019-20 to \$670 million in 2021-2022.

That's why we've seen massive system wide failures, including on the night of the state election!

Speaker –

They shut down the entire rail network to play politics leaving tens of thousands of passengers stranded on train platforms because they wanted to pick a fight with their own transport workforce.

And then they spent a year and a half continuing to do it.

They abandoned our train manufacturing industry.

The Liberals said it was too expensive to build trains in NSW.

But then the cost of the overseas built New Intercity Fleet blew out to \$3.2 billion.

And didn't even fit the tracks and the tunnels.

Because of their obsession with buying overseas made, their incompetence and their need to constantly pick fights with their own workforce, the New Intercity Fleet is still yet to carry a single passenger.

It was meant to be carrying passengers to Newcastle and Central Coast in 2019. Blue Mountains by 2020, and the Illawarra by 2021.

So much for their promises to passengers.

Then there's the New regional fleet trains.

Being built by the same overseas manufacturer that brought us the 12 cracked inner west trams.

Blown out by at least \$1 billion.

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In fact, they created penalties for not hitting 'on-time running' targets, then let them off the hook if they just cancelled the bus rather than let it be late.

We have seen thousands of service cancellations a month because of this.

Thousands of passengers waiting on the side of the road.

And they delivered a two-tiered wages system and privatisation that led to an exodus of drivers from the bus industry.

Now we are dealing with a massive bus driver shortage.

But Speaker, the Liberals didn't just confine their incompetence to the delivery of bus services in the present.

They did their level best to nobble future bus services too.

They bungled the transition to Zero Emissions Buses.

On their timeline, passengers across the state would be waiting until 2047 before the completion of the rollout.

That's more than two decades away.

FERRIES

And Speaker, then there's the ferries.

The Liberals bought overseas built Emerald Class Manly Ferries riddled with defects including:

- Steering failures
- Cracked fuel tanks
- Engine failure
- Leaks discovered in the hulls
- Life rafts fastened by cable ties

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But they didn't just bungle transport infrastructure left right and central. They bungled their relationship with the people who run our transport system, day in and day out.

Speaker, the Liberals did away with a decade of industrial peace and turned a routine enterprise bargaining process into a bitter and protracted conflict with their own transport workforce.

They accused transport workers of being terrorists.

Even for them Speaker, that was a low act.

They gave the people who use our network and the people who run our network 3 transport ministers in 18 months.

CONCLUSION

They did away with any pretense of having a coherent transport policy agenda.

Gave up all hope of trying to fix the issues with the train network, or the buses, or the ferries.

Under their leadership, morale at Transport for NSW hit rock bottom. And they left us to pick up the pieces.

Speaker, that's what the Minns Labor Government will get on with the job of doing.

We're working to fix the mess the Liberals made of our train network, of our buses, our ferries, of the Sydney Metro Project.

But we won't be taking any lectures from the Liberal Opposition on transport issues.

It is their mess, and they should do the decent thing by the passengers of NSW and take some responsibility for it.

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