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Mr Tony Harris
Acting Parliamentary Budget Officer
NSW Parliament
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

4.30pm

Dear Mr Harris

I am writing to you to formally request, under Part 4 (Election policy costings) of the Parliamentary Budget Officer Act 2010, an official costing for the following announced policy documents:

- *An Active NSW*
- *Better Public Transport*
- *Bringing tourism and major events to NSW*
- *Championing childhood- A better start for our kids*
- *Celebrating our volunteers*
- *Protecting Jobs*

These policy documents outline our ongoing commitments in key areas of government.

Please find attached a copy of these policies outlining the purpose of the policy and relevant details required to complete the costing as per the requirements of the Act.

Should you require any further information on this request, please contact my office on (02) 9228-5239.

Yours sincerely

Kristina Keneally
Premier of NSW
Leader of NSW Labor Party





Better public transport

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Better Public Transport

Public transport is not about trains, buses or ferries - it is about people.

It's about connecting people with the jobs, education and opportunities they want to pursue.

Traditionally in NSW, land planning has determined where opportunities can occur, and then transport planning would try to connect them all. But now, our Metropolitan Plan brings transport and land planning together for the first time in NSW history.

It means that we prioritise development where transport is strongest, and prioritise transport to where the greatest populations live.

This will deliver more homes closer to transport and more jobs closer to home.

Key examples of this are projects like the Parramatta to Epping Rail Link – connecting Western Sydney students with Macquarie University; or Western Sydney workers with the booming IT jobs of North Ryde. Or the Western Express – which I prioritised because it will deliver more and faster air-conditioned services to Western Sydney in the fastest time.

And to support these major projects we have more buses and trains than ever before – and all our new buses and trains are air conditioned and wheelchair accessible.

All together it means safe, reliable and comfortable public transport – which in turn supports the people of New South Wales being able to plan and make the most of their daily lives.

I'm also proud that we have the highest rate of public transport use in the country. But we should always look to increase this as part of building a sustainable global city.

So that's why we're capping transport fares to CPI increases, to keep the price incentive on public over private transport use.



Sydney is the economic powerhouse of the nation and the only global city of Australia.

Like any great city we have transport challenges and we need to make sure our transport system meets community needs.

I am confident that our integrated approach to transport planning, as well as the numerous individual infrastructure and service projects outlined in this document, will serve the people of New South Wales well into future – **making lives a little easier and New South Wales an even greater place to live.**

Kristina Lennox

What this policy means for you

A re-elected Keneally Government will cap increases in public transport fares to the rate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), easing the burden on families. We have already introduced MyZone, making fares simpler and cheaper for commuters and announced a fare freeze, ruling out any increase to public transport fares in 2011. These decisions will ease cost of living pressures in NSW and make public transport simpler, cheaper and fairer for families.

Labor will deliver more services to more areas than ever before - more bus routes, more train services and more comfortable, air-conditioned seats when and where they are needed most.

The South West Rail Link is under construction with three more heavy rail lines to be built to increase services in Western Sydney and meet the needs of the growth centres to Sydney's South West and North West. Crucially the Keneally Government will also build the extra capacity that allows these new services to enter the heart of the Sydney CBD - the City Relief Line.

There are more than 31,000 workers employed across the NSW public transport system and the \$50.2 billion *Metropolitan Transport Plan* will also support 50,000 jobs each year for the next 10 years. These jobs will include jobs on construction sites, plus jobs in manufacturing and other industries that supply materials, goods and services used to build the infrastructure.

ACTION:

More Public Transport Services

- 1000 new buses
- 1000 new train carriages
- Upgrade the Sydney Ferry Fleet with 6 new ferries
- Expand light rail through the Inner West and the Sydney CBD

Build More Rail Lines

- Complete the South West Rail Link, which is already under construction
- Build the Western Express, slashing travel times and adding more than 6000 extra seats each hour in the peak
- Deliver the City Relief Line, a new rail tunnel under Sydney's CBD, to allow an extra 24 trains an hour from across the network to enter the heart of the CBD
- Construct the Parramatta to Epping Rail Link in partnership with the Federal Government
- Increase rail services to the North West growth centre by duplicating the Richmond Line between Quakers Hill and Vineyard and building the North West Rail Link

Making Travel Safer

- Invest in security and safety through a new state-of-the-art monitoring facility at Central Station and more CCTV cameras than ever before
- Double Guardian Train services to keep late night travellers safe
- Invest \$25 million to install CCTV cameras on 2,500 buses – completing the roll out of CCTV on the entire metropolitan bus fleet
- Double NightRide services to Western Sydney on Friday and Saturday nights

Improve Comfort and Convenience

- 1,000 more air conditioned buses and more than 1,000 air-conditioned train carriages
- Extend free Wi-Fi to all public transport, starting with the new red Metrobuses and Sydney Ferries
- Use new technologies to improve access to public transport information and make it easier to use

Fairness for Families – Simpler and Cheaper Fares

- The *Fairness for Families Act* will cap increases in public transport fares to the rate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- Freeze public transport fares until January 2012
- Continue to provide free travel for eligible school students, maintaining \$2.50 capped fares for Family Funday Sunday and guarantee the continuation of the \$2.50 pensioner excursion ticket
- Introduce a public transport electronic ticketing system, based on London's Oyster card

More Commuter Car Parks and Transport Interchanges

- Build more than 8,000 commuter car parking spaces at 38 sites
- Establish a transport interchange upgrade program to improve safety, convenience and capacity, starting with the upgrade of nine key transport interchanges

More Taxis on the Road

- Increase taxis on the road to match demand
- Provide an unlimited number of \$1000 Wheelchair Accessible Taxi licences
- Guarantee incentive payments for wheelchair accessible taxi drivers when they carry passengers using wheelchairs
- Continue to crackdown on rogue operators to ensure better standards for passengers
- Enable more drivers to become their own boss through 'taxi driver only' licences

Transport Services for Regional NSW

- Cap increases in CountryLink fares to the rate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- Continue to offer free pensioner travel vouchers and \$2.50 pensioner excursion tickets for pensioners in rural and regional NSW
- Implement recommendations from the *CountryLinkUp Review 2011* – providing better connections to other public transport services and improving comfort and convenience for passengers
- Continue our program of free wheelchair accessible taxi licences to regional communities
- Invest \$1.5 billion over ten years to maintain, upgrade and operate the Country Rail Network

Supporting Local Jobs

- More than 31,000 workers are employed across the NSW public transport system
- The \$50.2 billion *Metropolitan Transport Plan* will support 50,000 jobs each year in the Australian economy
- Keep Sydney Ferries in public hands, while continuing to deliver service improvements for customers

Labor and Transport

Labor believes in making public transport more affordable to ease cost of living pressures on families. Public transport is about people. It is about getting to work on time, getting children to school and getting pensioners to medical appointments. It is about connecting communities and regional centres to improve the quality of life for people in NSW.

This is why the Keneally Government is building the South West Rail Link with three more heavy rail lines to be built to increase services in Western Sydney. A Keneally Government will also build the extra capacity that allows these new services to enter the heart of the Sydney CBD - the City Relief Line.

Public transport should be safe, reliable and comfortable. It should be accessible to everyone in our state, including children, parents with prams and people with disabilities. That is why every train and bus that the Keneally Government delivers are air-conditioned and wheelchair accessible.

As Australia's only global city and major international gateway, Sydney's competitiveness and productivity rely on an effective transport system that moves people and goods efficiently. Sydney has the highest rate of public transport use in Australia and increasing this over time will lead to a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and a connected and sustainable city.

Our Challenges

Every weekday we move more than 1.6 million people on our public transport network.

This is both a challenge and an opportunity.

Each year our population grows and more people choose to make NSW their home. These population increases mean that additional public transport infrastructure is needed to service the city's fastest growing areas – and that is what a Keneally Government will deliver.

We will also take steps to ease cost of living pressures on families, by reducing public transport fares and making affordable, reliable services available to more and more people every year.

Our Record

LABOR

- Under *Fairness for Families*, a re-elected Keneally Government will cap public transport fares at CPI, easing cost of living pressures on NSW families.
- We will build the Western Express and City Relief Line, delivering more than 6000 extra seats an hour in the peak and travel savings of up to 2 hours and 50 minutes a week.
- A re-elected Keneally Government will build the Parramatta to Epping Rail Link in partnership with the Federal Government.
- Kristina Keneally will keep Sydney Ferries in public hands and deliver six new ferries.
- We will deliver 1000 new air-conditioned buses and 1000 new air-conditioned trains.

OPPOSITION

- The Coalition will increase the cost of public transport.
- Barry O'Farrell will cut funding for the \$4.5 billion Western Express and City Relief Line.
- Barry O'Farrell will hand back \$2 billion in Federal Government public transport funding for Western Sydney.
- The Coalition will privatise Sydney Ferries, slash the operating budget by \$40 million and will cancel the tender process for 6 new ferries.
- Barry O'Farrell has failed to commit to one new bus or one new train for NSW.

Labor: Premier Keneally has secured \$2 billion of Federal funding for the Parramatta to Epping Rail Link which is in addition to the \$50.2 billion fully funded *Metropolitan Transport Plan* that is being implemented right now.

Coalition: The Opposition has shown they will not put the needs of the community first. Barry O'Farrell will axe the Parramatta to Epping Rail Link, Western Express and City Relief Line – ripping \$7 billion in public transport infrastructure away from Western Sydney. He will privatise public transport and risk services and local jobs.

Barry O'Farrell: *"The NSW Liberals and Nationals will defer the construction of the City Relief Line and Parramatta to Epping Rail Link."*

NSW Coalition Savings Strategy, 21 January 2011

Mike Baird: *"There is a very clear opportunity to prove whether franchising works in the NSW context, with ferries. That is where we are going to start... While we're working on ferries we'll be working on CityRail."*

Sydney Morning Herald, 10 October 2010

It's not a land tax, but opposition has designs on property market

More Public Transport Services

A re-elected Keneally Government will deliver more train carriages, more buses and more air-conditioned seats for New South Wales. These extra services will provide greater choice, greater comfort and more frequent and reliable services for families.

But we know that keeping people connected is not just about the journey to work and home again. It is about local communities and local services being accessible to as many people as possible.

That is why the Keneally Government will roll out ten new free shuttle bus service loops to key centres in Sydney, the Central Coast and the Hunter. These are in addition to the highly successful Sydney CBD Shuttle and 'Gong' Shuttle.

Our buses will also run more efficiently. GPS tracking and other smart technologies mean that we can give our buses greater priority along key corridors. This means passengers will wait less, and get to where they're going, faster.

ACTION:

- 1000 new buses
- 1000 new train carriages
- Upgrade the Sydney Ferry Fleet with 6 new ferries
- Expand light rail through the Inner West and the Sydney CBD

Build More Rail Lines

The Keneally Government is building new rail lines to service Sydney's growth centres and increase the capacity of the CityRail network.

The South West Rail Link is under construction and includes 11.4 km of new rail line from Glenfield to Leppington, with new stations at Leppington and Edmondson Park.

The Western Express and City Relief line will deliver an additional 6000 seats an hour in the peak from Western Sydney by 2018, and reduce travel times from Springwood by 17 minutes each way and from Penrith by 10 minutes.

This project will free up capacity across the CityRail network, delivering benefits to commuters on the Bankstown, Liverpool, Macarthur, Illawarra, main South and Northern lines.

The Western Express and City Relief Line will enable us to bring an additional 24 trains an hour into the heart of the CBD during peak periods.

This extra capacity will help maximise the benefits of other projects the Keneally Government will deliver including the North West Rail Link, due to commence in 2017.

The Keneally Government will work with the Federal Government to connect Parramatta with employment centres in Macquarie Park, North Ryde and Chatswood through the Parramatta to Epping Rail Link.

ACTION:

- Complete the South West Rail Link, which is already under construction
- Build the Western Express, slashing travel times from Western Sydney and increasing capacity on the Western Line by more than 6000 seats each hour in the peak
- Deliver the City Relief Line, a new rail tunnel under Sydney's CBD, to allow an extra 24 trains an hour from across the network to enter the heart of the CBD
- Build the Parramatta to Epping Rail Link in partnership with the Federal Government
- Increase rail services to the North West growth centre by duplicating the Richmond Line between Quakers Hill and Vineyard and building the North West Rail Link

Making Travel Safer

The Keneally Government will do more to make travelling on public transport safer. By using new technology, and working more closely with NSW Police we will target crime hot spots and keep commuters safer.

A new state-of-the-art 24/7 Security Monitoring Facility will be established at Central Station. The Security Monitoring Facility will be the central coordination point for security across the rail system, with uniform and plain clothes transit officers working side by side with the NSW Police.

A re-elected Keneally Government will roll out 1000 more CCTV cameras on the CityRail network by 2013 and trial new smart CCTV technology at major train stations.

We will also invest \$25 million over three years to install CCTV cameras on 2,500 buses – completing the roll out of CCTV to every bus that services the Greater Sydney metropolitan region.

NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research indicates that the introduction of Transit Officers has driven down crime, with offences against people on the CityRail network dropping by 30 per cent since 2002.

A re-elected Keneally Government will allocate more Transit Officers onto late night Guardian trains services – providing a reassuring and highly visible presence for customers.

Getting people home safely after dark means delivering regular services throughout the evening. That is why the Keneally Government will double Nightride services to Western Sydney on Friday and Saturday nights.

ACTION:

- Invest in security and safety through a new state-of-the-art monitoring facility at Central Station and more CCTV cameras than ever before
- Double Guardian train services to keep late night travellers safe
- Invest \$25 million to install CCTV cameras on 2,500 buses – completing the roll out of CCTV on the entire metropolitan bus fleet
- Double NightRide services to Western Sydney on Friday and Saturday nights

Improve Comfort and Convenience

A re-elected Keneally Government will deliver more air-conditioned seats and greater comfort and convenience for public transport users.

Every new bus and train carriage delivered by a re-elected Keneally Government will be air-conditioned and wheelchair accessible. This means that by 2014, 100 per cent of train services on the CityRail network will be air-conditioned.

New technologies are unlocking new opportunities to improve the public transport experience for passengers.

A re-elected Keneally Government will extend free wireless internet services across the entire public transport network and expand the 'next bus' SMS service to all metropolitan bus services.

ACTION:

- 1000 more air conditioned buses and air-conditioned train carriages.
- Extend free Wi-Fi to all public transport, starting with the red Metrobuses and Sydney Ferries
- Use new technologies to improve access to public transport information and make it easier to use.

Fairness for Families – Simpler and Cheaper Fares

Labor has made travelling on public transport simpler and cheaper than ever before. Under MyZone, introduced in April 2010, 94 per cent of fares became cheaper or remained the same price.

In December 2010, the Keneally Government announced a fare freeze, ruling out any increases in public transport costs in 2011. Now, under *Fairness for Families*, there will be no increase in public transport fares above the cost of living.

A re-elected Keneally Government will cap public transport fare increases to the rate of inflation. We will further support families by continuing to provide free travel for eligible school students, \$2.50 capped Family Funday Sunday fares and guarantee the continuation of the \$2.50 pensioner excursion ticket for use throughout the whole day.

A re-elected Keneally Government will introduce an electronic ticketing system, based on London's Oyster card, which will provide easier access to all modes of public transport.

ACTION:

- The *Fairness for Families Act* will cap increases to public transport fares to the rate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- Freeze public transport fares until January 2012
- Continue to provide free travel for eligible school students, maintaining \$2.50 capped fares for Family Funday Sunday and guarantee the continuation of the \$2.50 pensioner excursion ticket
- Introduce a public transport electronic ticketing system, based on London's Oyster card, from late 2012

More Commuter Car Parks and Transport Interchanges

Labor is making it easier for people to catch the train by building more parking spaces across the rail network.

Every parking space delivered by the Keneally Government under the Commuter Car Park initiative is free and untimed. More than 8,000 commuter car parking spaces will be built across 38 sites by the Keneally Government by the end of 2012.

Already twenty two new commuter car parks have been opened to the public. More money is being invested to upgrade nine key transport interchanges at Werrington, North Strathfield, Sutherland, Kingswood, Panania, Narwee, Allawah, Kogarah and Fairfield.

These upgrades will make travelling safer and more convenient, and provide greater capacity for growth in public transport services in these centres.

A re-elected Keneally Government will invest a total of \$400 million in new commuter car parks and interchanges by 2020.

ACTION:

- Build more than 8,000 commuter car parking spaces at 38 sites
- Establish a transport interchange upgrade program to improve safety, convenience and capacity, starting with the upgrade of nine key transport interchanges

More Taxis on the Road

A re-elected Keneally Government will continue to increase taxi numbers to match passenger demand.

More taxis on the road will mean better services for passengers, shorter waiting times and a faster trip home.

By focussing on taxi inspections and compliance activities, we will crackdown on operators who do the wrong thing, and improve standards to benefit passengers.

Wheelchair Accessible Taxis respond to the needs of people with disabilities, the elderly and the ill. The Keneally Government will continue to encourage growth in the number of Wheelchair Accessible Taxis across the State. A re-elected Keneally Government will continue to guarantee incentive payments for wheelchair accessible taxi drivers when they carry passengers using a wheelchair. We will provide an unlimited number of \$1000 WAT licences to metropolitan operators with the option to use our interest free loan scheme. The Keneally Government will also continue to provide free WAT licences to regional operators.

ACTION:

- Increase taxis on the road to match demand
- Provide an unlimited number of \$1000 Wheelchair Accessible Taxi licences
- Guarantee incentive payments for wheelchair accessible taxi drivers when they carry passengers using wheelchairs
- Continue to crackdown on rogue operators to ensure better standards for passengers.
- Enable more drivers to become their own boss through 'taxi driver only' licences.

Supporting Services to Regional NSW

A re-elected Keneally Government will support rural and regional communities with affordable, accessible public transport.

Under *Fairness for Families*, CountryLink fares will be capped at the rate of inflation and pensioners will continue to have access to four free CountryLink trips per year.

The Keneally Government will implement recommendations from the *CountryLinkUp* Review 2011 – providing better connections in regional centres and improving comfort and convenience for passengers.

Wheelchair Accessible Taxi licences will be provided free to operators in regional communities, to help improve reliability and response times for taxis in Country areas.

In contrast to the Coalition's record of closing country rail lines, a re-elected Keneally Government will invest \$1.5 billion over ten years to maintain, upgrade and operate the Country Rail Network.

ACTION:

- Cap increases in CountryLink fares to the rate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- Continue to offer free pensioner travel vouchers and \$2.50 pensioner excursion tickets for pensioners in rural and regional NSW
- Implement recommendations from the *CountryLinkUp* Review 2011 – providing better connections to other public transport services and improving comfort and convenience for passengers
- Continue our program of free wheelchair accessible taxi licences for operators in regional communities
- Invest \$1.5 billion over ten years to maintain, upgrade and operate the Country Rail Network

Supporting Local Jobs

The Keneally Government will support local jobs and keep public transport services in public hands.

The \$50.2 billion *Metropolitan Transport Plan* will support 50,000 Australian jobs a year, for ten years. These jobs will include jobs on construction sites, plus jobs in manufacturing and other industries that supply materials, goods and services used to build the infrastructure. The 50,000 jobs are part of the 155,000 full time equivalent jobs per year supported by the Government's total public sector infrastructure program over the four years to 2013/14.

The Keneally Government is already building hundreds of new buses and trains right here in our state, in places such as Villawood in Western Sydney and Broadmeadow in the Hunter.

In addition, more than 31,000 workers are employed across the NSW public transport system - driving buses, cleaning stations, serving customers and keeping our rail network running 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The last time the Coalition was in power in NSW they slashed more than 8,000 transport jobs. The Opposition has now revealed they will privatise Sydney Ferries, putting 600 local jobs at risk.

A re-elected Keneally Government will keep Sydney Ferries in public hands and protect local jobs.

ACTION:

- More than 31,000 workers are employed across the NSW public transport system
- The \$50.2 billion *Metropolitan Transport Plan* will support 50,000 jobs each year in the Australian economy
- Keep Sydney Ferries in public hands, while continuing to deliver service improvements for customers



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