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Proposal Title: Thousands More Seats on South Coast Trains

Cluster: Transport

General Government Sector Impacts

	2018-19 $'000	2019-20 $'000	2020-21 $'000	2021-22 $'000	4 year Total $'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
Less: Offsets	-	-	-	-	-
Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Net Operating Balance:	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Offsets	-	-	-	-	-
Net Capital Expenditure:	-	-	-	-	-
Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	-	-	-	-

Total State Sector Impacts

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	4 year Total
Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	-	-	-	-

Notes and costing assumptions

This policy proposes to add extra seats on weekend South Coast train services between Kiama, Wollongong and Sydney. From January 2020, 44 weekend services will be converted from four cars to eight cars, adding more than 430 extra seats per service or approximately 19,000 seats per weekend. The policy has no impact on the forward estimates as the costs for the additional cars are already included in the budget as part of the 'More Trains, More Services' program.

Key assumptions:
- The More Trains, More Services program aims to modernise rail infrastructure to increase rail services and connectivity across the network.
- Funding for projects part of the More Trains, More Services program comes from the Restart NSW fund.
- The More Trains, More Services program has a total allocation of $1 billion, with an estimated spend of $648 million for 2018-19.
- To meet the additional capacity requirements of the eight car services, upgrades to existing substations and power infrastructure are required, with works already funded and ongoing from 2018.
- The policy assumes that there are sufficient carriages in the train fleet to meet the demand.