

## **Maximum fares for rural and regional bus services from 1 January 2018**

**Public Hearing – Friday 3 November 2017  
Opal Cove Resort  
Opal Boulevard, Korora Bay, Coffs Harbour  
Commencing at 11:00 am**

The purpose of this public forum is:

- ▼ to explain IPART's approach for making draft decisions on maximum fares for rural and regional bus fares to commence from 1 January 2018, and
- ▼ to provide the opportunity for questions and to comment on our approach, draft decisions and recommendations.

The public hearing will be transcribed. A copy of the transcript will be made available on IPART's website within five days of the hearing.

### **1. Opening remarks, Deborah Cope, Tribunal member**

An introduction from Tribunal member.

### **2. Maximum fares for single journeys, frequent travel and the regional excursion daily (RED), IPART Secretariat**

IPART's Secretariat will deliver a short presentation on IPART's draft decisions on fares for rural and regional bus services. We are seeking stakeholder feedback on:

- ▼ Do you agree with the proposal to reduce maximum bus fares for single journeys and to introduce a daily ticket for frequent travel?
- ▼ Do you agree with our proposal to simplify the fare structure by reducing the current 200+ sections into 10 fare bands (0 to <2km, 2 to <10km, 10 to <25km etc)?
- ▼ Do you expect lower fares to result in greater use of bus services in rural and regional areas?

### **3. Efficient Costs of Rural and Regional Bus Operators, AECOM**

AECOM will provide a short presentation on its advice on efficient costs of providing contracted bus services.

#### **4. Delivering better transport services in rural and regional areas, IPART's Secretariat**

IPART's Secretariat will deliver a short presentation on IPART's draft recommendations on delivering better bus services in rural and regional areas. We are seeking stakeholder feedback on:

- ▼ Are you more likely to use bus services that add an on demand component to an existing fixed route?
- ▼ Do you agree that passengers should pay a maximum surcharge of up to \$5 for on demand services?
- ▼ What types of on demand bus services do you consider would be cost-effective in regional NSW?
- ▼ Will our recommendations on fares, ticketing and on demand trials address the barriers to travel in cross border areas?

#### **5. General Q&A**

This will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to ask any further questions and comment on IPART's draft decisions.

#### **6. Closing remarks**