

## **BusNSW Welcomes the New NSW Cabinet**

**1 April 2019**

BusNSW has welcomed the appointment of Minister Andrew Constance and Minister Paul Toole to key NSW transport and roads portfolios.

BusNSW Executive Director, Matt Threlkeld, said the industry has had a professional and productive relationship with Minister Constance and the new combination of transport and roads provides an opportunity to better deal with matters that overlap agencies in the large NSW Transport cluster.

“The association represents a large number of bus operators who service rural and regional communities and we welcome the renewed focus on Regional NSW with the appointment of Paul Toole as Minister for Regional Transport and Roads,” said Threlkeld.

“A strong partnership between industry and government, supported by secure service delivery contracts, will be necessary to ensure that further improvements to public transport services in NSW can be delivered,” Threlkeld said.

“The long distance, tourist and charter sector of the industry is dependent on a strong visitor economy and we look forward to working with the newly appointed Minister for Tourism, Stuart Ayres, to explore opportunities for operators servicing domestic and international tourists,” Threlkeld said.

“The industry also welcomes the appointment of Gareth Ward as Minister for Disability Services and looks forward to discussing opportunities for school bus services for students with disabilities,” Threlkeld said.

BusNSW President, John King, said he was excited about working with Andrew Constance and Paul Toole on the BusNSW strategies for further and substantial improvements to public transport over the next term of Government in NSW.

“Our election platform, *Moving People NSW – Measures to Shape our Communities*, highlighted 20 measures that BusNSW believes could have huge flow-on effects in terms of reducing congestion and creating more desirable places to live and work,” King said.

“We were pleased to get a response from the Liberals and Nationals which provides support for a number of the BusNSW recommendations and a strong commitment to consulting with the industry via BusNSW,” King said.

“The Liberals and Nationals made a number of pre-election commitments to improve bus services in Greater Sydney and our Regions that provide opportunities for the industry and benefits for communities,” King said.