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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **SIMPLER, CHEAPER BUS FARES FOR THE BUSH**

Bus customers in rural and regional NSW will benefit from lower fares from 1 January 2021 after the NSW Government adopted recommendations made by the Independent Pricing and Review Tribunal (IPART).

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Paul Toole said the review and changes would ensure the best value for money for customers and encourage greater use of existing rural and regional bus services.

“This is great news for our regional bus customers, making it more affordable for them to travel on our bus network,” Mr Toole said.

“Customers will save up to 30 cents on short trips between 3-8km while the largest fare reductions are for longer-distance trips over 200km, which have been reduced by around 50 per cent, or around \$25.

“There will also be simpler and cheaper daily tickets, including a \$5 daily ticket for short-distance trips less than 8 kilometres, and a maximum daily ticket price of \$30, which means customers save just over \$70 per day when they are travelling over 200km.”

Concession fares will be offered at half the adult fares, and the Regional Excursion Daily ticket for pensioners will remain at \$2.50.

The maximum fares have been set for a period of five years from 1 January 2021.

Mr Toole said the NSW Government was committed to boosting bus services in the regions.

“In the past 12 months, we’ve invested in more than 1500 additional weekly bus services to boost connectivity across 16 regional cities like Tweed Heads, Wagga Wagga, Bathurst, Orange, Nowra, Tamworth and Port Macquarie – and we want to see as many people using them as possible,” Mr Toole said.

The Government will also continue to investigate other IPART recommendations which include access to concession fares and travel affordability for vulnerable people and families, daily ticket availability and other measures aimed at improving the delivery of rural and regional bus services.

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**Table 1: Adult fares for single trips**

Fare band	No. sections	KM traversed	Current max fares	2021 max fares
1	1-2	0-3	\$2.40	\$2.30
2	3-6	3-8	\$3.60	\$3.30
3	7-15	8-20	\$5.10	\$4.20
4	16-25	20-35	\$7.60	\$4.50
5	26-37	35-65	\$10.10	\$5.90
6	38-56	65-90	\$15.10	\$7.50
7	57-75	90-120	\$21.90	\$10.00
8	76-100	120-160	\$30.70	\$15.00
9	101-125	160-200	\$40.70	\$20.00
10	126+	200+	\$50.60	\$25.00

**Table 2: Adult daily tickets**

Fare band	No. sections	KM traversed	Current max fares	2021 max fares
1	1-2	0-3	\$7.20	\$5.00
2	3-6	3-8	\$9.60	\$5.00
3	7-15	8-20	\$12.60	\$10.00
4	16-25	20-35	\$17.60	\$10.00
5	26-37	35-65	\$22.60	\$10.00
6	38-56	65-90	\$32.60	\$20.00
7	57-75	90-120	\$46.20	\$20.00
8	76-100	120-160	\$63.80	\$30.00
9	101-125	160-200	\$83.80	\$30.00
10	126+	200+	\$103.60	\$30.00