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## WHAT

Transport for NSW has notified IPART that it proposes to make the following changes to fares for Opal Services:

- ▼ Introduce off-peak fares on bus and light rail services.
- ▼ Increase the off-peak discount from 30% to 50% until September 2020, to assist with social distancing on public transport.
- ▼ Raise the 0-3km fare for peak travel on buses and light rail (and the Stockton Ferry in Newcastle) from \$2.24 to \$3.20. With the new off-peak discount, the off-peak fare will initially fall from \$2.24 to \$1.60, and then revert to back to \$2.24 from September.
- ▼ Extend both the AM and PM peak periods.
- ▼ Set the daily cap on Saturday and Sunday equal to \$8.05 (half the current weekday cap).

There will be no change to other fares, or Opal card benefits including travel rewards and transfer discounts.



## WHY

Transport for NSW is required to notify IPART before making changes to Opal fares. We review the proposed fare changes to ensure they do not exceed the maximum fares we have determined.



## HOW

IPART has considered the planned changes and found that they do not exceed the maximum fares in Schedule 1 of the current Opal fare determination.

Under the changes, one fare will be equal to the maximum value (the peak 0-3 kilometre fare for bus, light rail and Stockton Ferry services). All other fares remain below the maximum.



## WHERE

Opal fares are fares for train, bus, ferry, light rail and metro services on which an Opal card can be used. These services operate in Sydney Newcastle, the Central Coast, Wollongong, the Blue Mountains and Hunter regions.



## WHEN

Opal fares will change from Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2020.



## MORE INFORMATION

Proposed Opal fares are available on our website, as is our current maximum fare determination.