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Rally 19th June to save CountryLink services

CPSA is holding a rally in Moree on Saturday 19th June to coincide with a protest taking place simultaneously in Bathurst against the cuts to NSW country rail services.

“Costa and Carr have gone too far! Policies that slash country rail services with a view to downgrade and eventually eliminate country rail will not be tolerated,” Ms Margaret Mauro, Vice President Bathurst CPSA said.

“How many more services does Costa plan to axe? Broadmeadow to Newcastle, the Southern Highlands, Nowra, and now Casino to Murwillumbah- enough’s enough!

“Plans to scrap the CountryLink rail service from Casino to Murwillumbah will hit northern NSW hard. Costa’s plans to turn CountryLink into a coach service is a short-term money saver that will clock up heavy costs in the long run. This is a recipe for pushing people out of public transport and into private cars, as many people are unable to travel on coaches for long distances. Costa’s coach plan will end up costing us more, as a result of the additional wear and tear on our roads, environmental damage and the increase in road accidents.

“And what about those of us who don’t own private cars? How are we supposed to get to doctors or specialists appointments? Will the Minister be making detours to pick up the sick and elderly and personally chaperone them to and from appointments?”

“Costa is fast becoming known as a public transport wrecker.

“We will convene on **Saturday 19th June at 8:30am on the steps of the Memorial Hall, in the main street of Moree.**

“Join the growing movement of organisations disillusioned by Minister Costa’s failed promises to retain our rail,” Ms Mauro urged.

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