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Don't leave Western Sydney stranded Mr Watkins!

“Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association of NSW Inc (CPSA) calls upon the Transport Services Minister John Watkins not to leave passengers stranded in the wake of the Westbus collapse,” said Mr Morrie Mifsud, CPSA State President.

“The people of Western Sydney, especially older people and people with disabilities, will not be able to get out of their homes if Westbus services are not replaced pretty soon. Many people won't be able to get to work. Many others won't be able to access social services or get to medical appointments. Our members in Western Sydney are extremely worried.

“We are also angry that, during last year's review of bus services, the NSW Government gave assurances to CPSA that no changes would be made to any bus services will all problems relating to the fare structure remained unresolved. Well, that didn't happen and the mess has compounded.

“3 months is too long for the NSW Government to sort out the mess. It has to do something now and quickly.

“We call on Mr Watkins and Premier Carr to allow STA to take over the services formerly run by Westbus. Western Sydney commuters, especially those who find it impossible to get out and about without public transport services, deserve not less” said Mr Mifsud.

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