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Pensioner Excursion Ticket extension welcome but room for improvement

“Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association of NSW Inc (CPSA) welcomes the Minister for Transport’s announcement that the all-day Pensioner Excursion Ticket (PET) is now finally being extended to the Hunter, Illawarra, Blue Mountains and Central Coast. However, there is considerable room for improvement” said CPSA State President Morrie Mifsud.

“Pensioners and seniors in rural NSW should be able to access this transport concession. If Sydney petrol prices are expensive then prices west of the Great Divide are outrageous. Concession cardholders in rural NSW should not have to pay more than their counterparts in metropolitan areas. It’s a matter of equity.

“Another way of improving transport options for low-income earners is to make healthcare cardholders eligible for the PET. This would include mature aged people who are unemployed and others whose meagre income is substantially reduced by current travel expenses.

“We call on the NSW Government to not rest on its laurels but to go further in allowing more low-income earners access to affordable public transport” said Mr Mifsud.

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