

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO INTER-REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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Mr Andrew Gee, Member for Orange .

Chair , NSW Parliamentary Enquiry into Inter –Regional Transport ,

NSW Parliament

Macquarie Street , Sydney . NSW .2000

Dear Mr Gee,

I have enclosed a letter written to the Bathurst Business Chamber re- Train XPT travel . I would like you to take it as a submission to your NSW Parliamentary enquiry into inter – regional transport .

In the West of the state we need good roads from the capital cities as well as a good rail service for goods as well as passengers .

I hope you will make sure that the citizens of inland NSW have services rail air and bus that will attract more people to our country towns and keep the ones we have in our areas now .

Thank you .

Yours sincerely ,



Julian Campbell



Mr . A Edwards , Chair ,
The Bathurst Business ,Chamber of Commerce,
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Dear Mr Edwards ,

I am disappointed at your Chamber's scathing attack on the XPT train service from Sydney to Dubbo . (liberal Wed . 2nd May) . Surely we want to encourage people to use train services in our State , so many of the lines have been pulled up or put out of service , with trucks and busses the replacement .

Air services are very expensive these days and often unreliable, I have just begun using the rail services to go to and from Sydney and find them very satisfactory.

I found the train comfortable rest full , the staff were help full at all times, pleasant and announced in advance stations where the train would stop .the Buffet Car provided a good variety of food and was very convenient . Several people on the train were able to use laptops and the phone was in service all the trip .

The train travel was excellent, travelling through the landscape with no worry about the traffic , or the hassles of the airport . I boarded the train at Bathurst as did many other people . i do not think travelling by train is a" last resort " as suggested by your article .

I believe it is more important to improve the road access to the Central West rather the criticize a service that is useful and appears to be working well . I shall send a copy of this letter to the NSW PARLIAMENT inter- regional transport enquiry .

Yours sincerely

Júlian Campbell