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A message from your team...

Over July and August the number of signatures against privatising our buses has risen to over 25,000 and counting, meaning that the issue will now be debated twice in Parliament. However, the Minister for Transport, Andrew Constance has shown his true agenda is not about the community, but about destroying our union and all drivers' jobs in the transport network.

Instead of making decisions in the interest of the community and transport workers, Andrew Constance continues to drive his own personal anti-union agenda, which comes at a cost not just to our drivers, but to every single person in the community.

On a strong and united front with the community and our local leaders, our union will continue to fight to protect our public transport network from the greedy sell off by the NSW Government.

Thanks for your support,

Chris Preston and Dave Woollams



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Kingsgrove depot rise up against Inner-West bus privatisation

On Thursday July 27th, bus drivers and maintenance workers from Kingsgrove bus depot gathered to tell local Labor MPs what they wanted Constance and his NSW Liberal Government to hear in Parliament when bus privatisation is debated in coming weeks.

Chris Preston, thanked workers and politicians for their support as well as explaining what's next in our fight to stop the region 6 sell off, and calling on Premier Berejiklian to make a commitment to stop any further privatisation.

Check out our RTBU Facebook page to watch both videos of Chris Preston and Sophie Cotsis MP, Member for Canterbury, speak to cameras about the incredible community opposition to bus privatisation and thanking all involved for their unwavering support.



BUS DRIVERS AND MAINTENANCE WORKERS RISE UP AGAINST BUS PRIVATISATION AT KINGSGROVE BUS DEPOT ON JULY 27



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SECTION 54

Annual Leave

54.5 Any employee who has completed at least one year's service, who is regularly on shift work and/or public holidays, when proceeding on annual leave shall be paid a loading at the rate of 20% of the appropriate weekly wage rate prescribed under Part B, Table 1 of this Award, in addition to payment for such leave of absence.

54.6 Any other employee who has completed at least one year's service when proceeding on annual leave shall be paid a loading at the rate of 17.5% of the appropriate weekly wage rate under Part B, Table 1 of this Award, in addition to payment for such leave of absence.

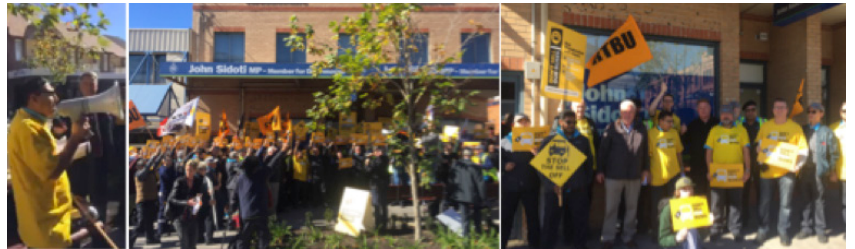
Rallying outside Sidoti's office

Alongside community members, our drivers took the Don't Sell Our Buses campaign to John Sidoti's doorstep, demanding to know why the MP supports Minister Constance's plan to privatise our region 6 buses.

Our drivers and depot workers from across Sydney literally arrived in busloads, ready to rally with community members. Ash Sarker, a proud member from the Tempe bus depot, reminded the crowd why our fight is so important.

"I stand here as a driver, community member, member of the Union, a Union Delegate, a taxpayer, and I'm a strong supporter of keeping public transport in public hands. "Public transport is a service that my tax, your tax, your parents' and grandparents' tax is paying for! It's not Sidoti's or the Government's to give away!"

The NSW Liberal Government claims that region 6 needs to be privatised in order to fix late running times, ignoring the fact that privatising buses won't miraculously relieve Sydney traffic. Instead of selling off public transport so that commuters have to pay a higher price for a poorer service, the NSW Government should be fixing our roads to ease traffic congestion.



RALLY OUTSIDE JOHN SIDOTI'S OFFICE

Union pressure prompts new light rail services

The NSW Government has bowed to pressure from workers and finally introduce more services on our overcrowded inner west light rail line.

The RTBU has been calling for more services on the inner west light rail for a long time, citing severe overcrowding in carriages and on platforms, particularly during peak periods.

Chris Preston explained that "The Transport Minister will be out in the media claiming credit for the new services, but the reality is he's been dragged kicking and screaming to this point. This is a classic case of workers pulling together to demand better services for the travelling public."



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