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Message from Chris and Dave

Transport Minister Constance's decision to privatise hundreds of bus services and place the future of 1,200 bus drivers and depot staff in limbo is devastating and a complete betrayal of workers.

He didn't consult the union, he didn't consult the people of Sydney and he certainly didn't consult you. Minister Constance needs to understand that you cannot treat public transport workers and the community with such contempt.

If Minister Constance thinks he can sue his way towards privatising Sydney's buses he's got another think coming.

We're in this for the long haul and we will fight this attack with everything we've got. We'll be keeping members updated so make sure you keep checking the website for all the latest. In the meantime, join the campaign at ourtransport.org.au.

Thanks again for all your support.

Divisional Secretary Chris Preston and President David Woollams

Bus drivers, Labor MPs and unions protest outside NSE Parliament

Bus Drivers, Labor MPs and unions protested outside NSW Parliament against the bus privatisation the community didn't ask for and does not want. Here is a picture from the day:



Complain to Constance

Mr Constance thinks the privatising our buses will stop the complaints. We need to show him he is wrong. Send a complaint to Constance to let him know we must keep our public transport in public hands: visit www.ourtransport.org.au

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BRETT PETERS**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS****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.

Transport Minister Shoots From the Hip - Again

Transport Minister Andrew Constance's decision to escalate the dispute over privatisation of buses to the Supreme Court shows he has no ability to manage his portfolio.

RTBU Bus Division Secretary Chris Preston told the media:

"This is a Minister that shoots from the hip, he rules through lawyer and media release - rather than talking to the community and his workforce.

Bus drivers, with the support of the Inner West community are simply standing up against Minister Constance's plans to privatise Sydney's public transport system, a plan he has no mandate and no public support for.

It's an absolute disgrace that they're now being dragged into the Supreme Court by the Minister's expensive lawyers in an effort to silence their voices. We are willing to talk to sit down and talk to the Government, but all we've received are surprise attacks, media statements and threatening legal letters.

The Supreme Court action will do nothing to resolve these issues. That's why we again call on the Premier to intervene and bring her Minister into line."

In the headlines

Channel 10: Sydney's bus drivers take their fight straight to the top:

Channel 10 ran an excellent story about the bus driver rally outside NSW Parliament. Watch it via busexpress.com.au

Labor's Luke Foley slams privatisation plans in Parliament:

Buses should be run for the public benefit, not private profit, says NSW Labor. Watch leader Luke Foley speaking in Parliament via busexpress.com.au

NSW Labor calls bus privatisation a "shortsighted and shameful decision": Labor MPs fight back against bus privatisation in NSW Parliament, calling it a "shortsighted and shameful decision" and demanding that the government abandon these plans and "keep public bus services in public hands."

Premier won't rule out further bus privatisation: Asked whether, if the privatisation of buses in the inner west proved a success, she would also privatise those in the eastern suburbs and north shore, Premier Gladys Berejiklian said: "I don't want to rule anything in or out at this stage."

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