



## RAIL, TRAM & BUS UNION

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The Hon Gladys Berejikian, MP  
Minister for Transport  
Level 35 Governor Macquarie Tower  
1 Farrer Place  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Ms Berejikian,

#### **RE: SECURITY ON SYDNEY AND NEWCASTLE BUSES**

Members of our Union are being assaulted on a regular basis whilst carrying out their regular duties as bus drivers.

This is now a problem all year round, and with the festive season approaching, the Union has genuine safety concerns for all of our members and night shift workers in particular.

Examples of Bus Driver assaults can be found all over Sydney and Newcastle, not just night club precincts, however the welcome announcement of more regular late night services in night club precincts adds to our overall demands for added security on board buses.

It should be noted that the bus driver gets all the problem people (and some times groups), after they have been thrown out of everywhere else. Out on the road (on his/her own) what chance does he/she have with sudden security/crowd problems while he/she is driving a fully loaded bus.

Although there is a partial security presence in limited areas, much more is needed, and on the majority of our late night routes where security is virtually non-existent, on board security personnel is a must.

If new substantial measures are not taken, State Transit and the Government will be clearly breaching their duty of care towards our members and this Union will not hesitate to hold both STA and the Government responsible and accountable.

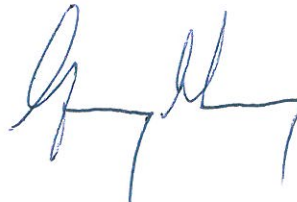
It is unacceptable if extensive resources are not directed at reducing the risk of assaults on Sydney and Newcastle bus drivers and it is hoped that more of our members (or their passengers) do not end up in hospital or worse through further inaction or procrastination.

We look forward to your early reply.

Yours sincerely,



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