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INFRASTRUCTURE AUSTRALIA UNEQUIVOCAL: OUTSOURCING PASSENGER TRANSPORT BRINGS DOWN COSTS, BRINGS UP QUALITY

As governments around the country look for ways to fund infrastructure, Infrastructure Australia has today provided the blueprint for better public transport at better value to taxpayers, said [Infrastructure Partnerships Australia](#).

“Infrastructure Australia’s report shows again the massive savings and service improvements available by fundamentally modernising transport service delivery across the country,” said Chief Executive Brendan Lyon.

“Infrastructure Australia’s conservative analysis shows savings of up to \$15.5 billion over 25 years, just by operating public transport efficiently.

“Australian cities are facing major congestion problems while our transport networks are suffering from spiralling costs and deteriorating service quality; Infrastructure Australia’s paper shows again that things can only get better if we change who and how we deliver transport services.

“Franchising is proven model to bring down costs and bring up service quality and allows operators to be fined if services are late or customer service targets are not met.

“Victoria franchised its rail and light rail networks in the 1990s, and is retendering them right now under a Labor government, because franchising works well and is in the taxpayer and commuter interest.

“This report repudiates the campaign against reform by the NSW bus union.

“This report shows that the NSW Government is dead right to franchise Sydney’s inner west buses; but also shows that NSW should go a lot further.

“Infrastructure Australia correctly identifies that cash strapped state governments could deliver better transport services, at better cost to taxpayers, with the massive cost savings able to fund long-needed new trains, buses and infrastructure.

“Every dollar saved is a dollar that can be invested into upgrading railways, roads and other transport.





“With asset recycling off the table in Queensland and Western Australia, they should be reading this report very closely indeed.”

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