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COMMUTERS WINNERS, TAXPAYERS GRINNERS – NSW BUSES SEE MAJOR IMPROVEMENT

Today's announcement that Transit Systems has won the right to operate public bus services in Sydney's inner west will provide much-needed relief to commuters and NSW taxpayers, says [Infrastructure Partnerships Australia](#).

"Commuters are winners and taxpayers are grinners because the NSW Government recognised that something had to change to get better bus services, at better value for money," said IPA Chief Executive Brendan Lyon.

"Public sector unions complained that bus outsourcing is the first step in wider reform of transport services – given its delivered millions of kilometers of new services and a \$130 million saving, every taxpayer and commuter will hope they were right.

"NSW taxpayers will save \$130 million over the next eight years just by moving from a public operator to a private one.

"Inner west commuters will get an extra 4.8 million extra kilometers of bus services, a 21 per cent increase in capacity, for \$130 million less.

"The inner west was the most complained about bus region, so commuters will definitely notice the improved quality, capacity and service levels.

"Eighty per cent of Sydney's bus services are already privately operated, and delivering excellent service and safety outcomes, and Transit Systems is already operating in western Sydney with the best on time running results for two years in a row.

"Transit Systems is already delivering innovation in the inner west, with on-demand mini-bus services around Canada Bay, Concord and Strathfield available from the first day of the contract, and electric buses to be trialed over time.





“You can’t get these kinds of service improvements or innovations from the public sector by continually doing what has always been done.”

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