

29 March 2026

Hon. Chris Minns  
Premier of NSW

*By email*

Dear Premier

**Re: Free Public Transport to support NSW during the fuel crisis**

I write to urge you to immediately introduce a period of free public transport across New South Wales in response to the escalating global oil crisis, rising fuel prices and mounting cost-of-living pressures.

The Governments of Victoria and Tasmania have already acted, recognising both the economic relief this provides to households and the opportunity to reduce demand on strained fuel supplies. The Queensland Government's 50c public transport fare initiative has been enormously popular, with patronage up 20 percent in the first six months.

Victoria has committed to a month of free public transport in April, while the Tasmanian Government has just announced three months of free public transport to 1 July.

The Tasmanian Government sets a clear and practical benchmark. At a minimum, NSW should match this initiative.

Free public transport would deliver immediate cost-of-living relief for millions of people, particularly those in Western Sydney and regional communities who are being hit hardest by rising fuel costs. It would also support essential workers, reduce congestion and emissions, and help ease pressure on fuel demand during a period of global uncertainty.


Importantly, this is not a new idea. The Greens took a policy of free public transport to the 2023 state election, recognising its long-term benefits for equity, climate and urban mobility. The current crisis only strengthens the case for urgent action.

I ask that your Government work with Transport for NSW to implement free public transport for at least three months, across both metropolitan and regional networks, and to consider longer-term pathways toward fare-free public transport.

I have copied this correspondence to the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Regional Transport.

I would welcome your urgent response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cate Faehrmann', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Cate Faehrmann MLC**  
NSW Greens transport spokesperson