



MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Fact Sheet

New bus regions

This fact sheet forms part of series of fact sheets about the NSW Government's Bus Reform strategy. Bus Reform will result in private and government bus operators developing routes, timetables and passenger services that meet the changing demands of our cities and suburbs.

What is Bus Reform?

The Bus Reform strategy is the NSW Government's response to the recommendations of the Review of Bus Services in New South Wales, which was carried out in 2003. The aim of the Review was to create a bus transport system with common standards of fares and service levels.

There are six parts of the Bus Reform strategy:

1. **New bus regions – fewer bus operators**
2. Bus priority – better travel times for buses
3. Integrated network planning – fast, frequent and direct bus services
4. Fairer fares – standard ticket prices across Sydney
5. Integrated ticketing – one ticket for all buses, regardless of the operator
6. Bus fleet upgrade – new buses with air-conditioning and low floors.

What are the new bus regions in Metropolitan Sydney?

There are now 15 bus contract regions in Metropolitan Sydney, which are the consolidation of 87 small contract areas. The map overleaf displays the general boundaries.

The new contract regions allow greater flexibility when planning services and aims to achieve more efficient services across the network. The new contracts also give the government tighter control on standards of service.

The new contracts will introduce:

- consistent standards of service across all private and government bus operators
- clear performance targets
- sustainable funding for bus operators, and
- a move towards an integrated and well planned bus transport system.

Through the new contracts, the community will be involved in decisions about current and future bus services. Annual Regional Planning Forums will be held in each region to review bus operator performance and to plan for future service improvements. Community consultation will occur prior to changes to the bus timetables and routes.

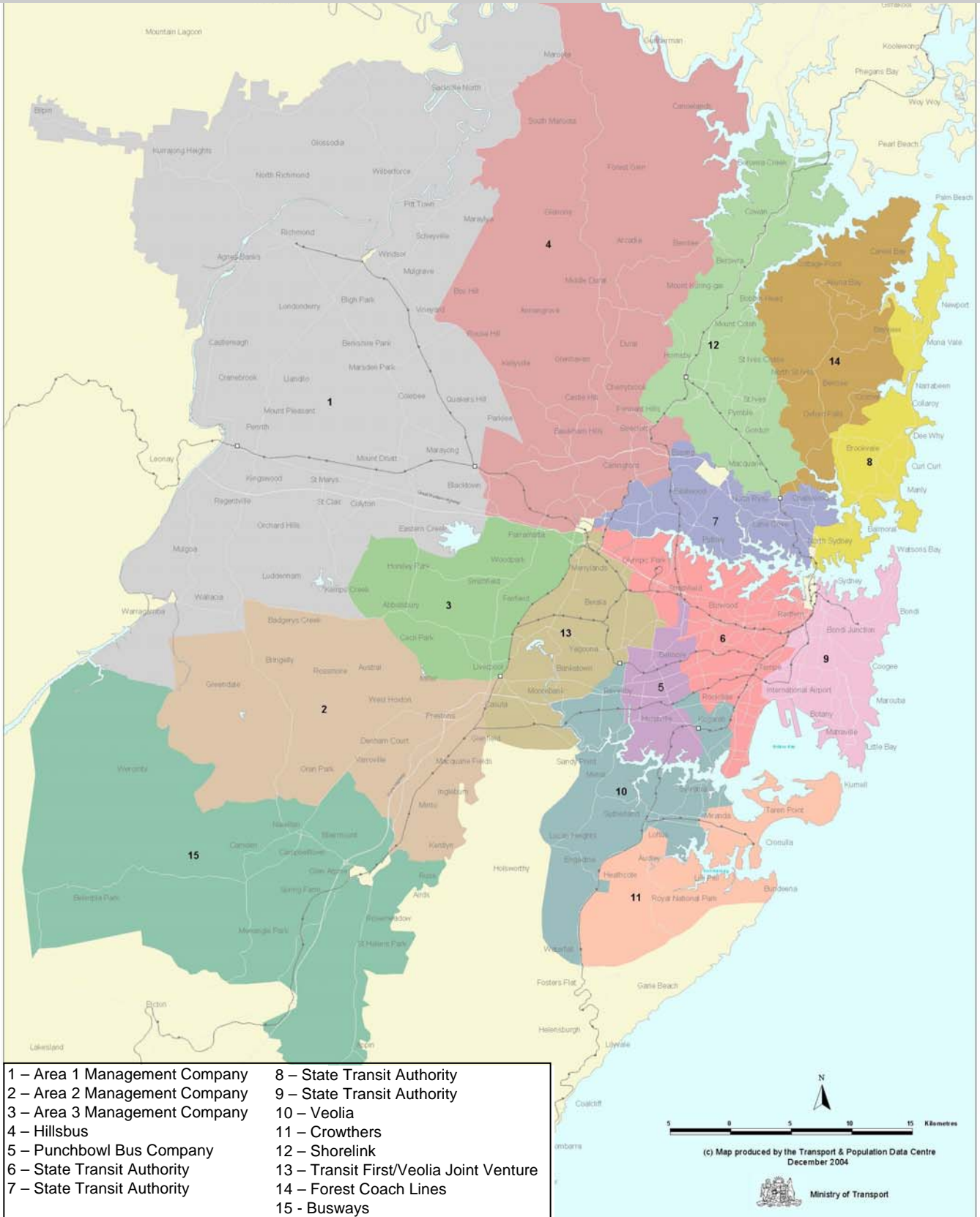
Who are the operators?

There are now 15 lead operators managing the 15 contract regions. Please visit www.transport.nsw.gov.au for further information about bus operators.

FAST BUS FACT

*Buses carry up to 50 people – one bus takes far less space on the road than 50 cars. During the morning peak, the bus lane on the Sydney Harbour Bridge takes more people to the City than **all** of the other city bound lanes combined.*

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