



MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Fact Sheet

New buses

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 – creating a robust contract with 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's being upgraded?

The NSW Government will invest \$254 million in a program to purchase 505 new clean-diesel and natural gas powered buses over the next five years. It will also complete its current \$7.8 million order of 80 articulated "bendy" buses. These buses will be distributed across the State Transit network.

An additional \$60 million has been allocated to private bus operators to purchase around 151 new air-conditioned buses with low floors for easy access and faster boarding.

The new, low-floor, air-conditioned buses make it easier for all people to use buses, especially people with disabilities, the elderly and carers with prams and strollers. Making public transport easier to use is a priority for the Ministry of Transport.

