



Media Release

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MORE SEATS FOR WEST DAPTO BUSES

The NSW Government has started rolling out the first of 300 new buses for commuters.

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NSW Transport Minister David Campbell today said four extra Premier Illawarra buses would increase services between Wollongong and West Dapto.

Member for Shellharbour Lylea McMahon said the extra services were made possible because of the Government's delivery of new growth buses to the Illawarra.

"Passengers on bus route 31 from West Dapto to Wollongong now have 41 extra weekday services," Ms McMahon said.

"West Dapto commuters now have more direct services departing West Dapto in the morning peak and, for the first time, bus route 31 will operate via Dapto then into Wollongong.

"West Dapto has been identified by the NSW Government as an urban growth area so we've added four brand new buses to the peak to ensure local commuters have effective public transport.

"These new buses are air conditioned, low floor accessible and meet the latest emission standards.

"The buses were paid for by the NSW Government and recently delivered to Premier Illawarra.

"These additional 18 morning and 26 evening services mean an extra 49 seats per trip for passengers.

"The travel time from West Dapto has now been reduced to 33 minutes due to a more direct route into Wollongong."

Mr Campbell said the Government's investment in the growth buses would support the State's economy and stimulate jobs.

"The NSW Government announced it would deliver 300 extra buses in the November mini-budget and we are now delivering those buses, ahead of schedule," Mr Campbell said.

"The 300 Growth Buses will mean 400 new jobs for bus drivers, 150 new jobs in bus building and sustaining 700 existing bus building jobs."

"These are in addition to the jobs created to maintain the buses, including mechanics and cleaners, as well as jobs in part manufacturing and flow on industries.

"The NSW Government is delivering a shot in the arm of safe, high-quality buses to help strengthen public transport services in the Illawarra."

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