



Media Release

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MORE SEATS FOR PORT STEPHENS' BUSES

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Minister for Transport David Campbell today said an extra Port Stephens' Coaches bus would increase services on the 130 bus route between Fingal Bay to Newcastle, via Newcastle Airport.

Country Labor MLC for Port Stephens Greg Donnelly said the extra service was made possible because of the Government's delivery of new growth buses to the Hunter.

"Passengers on the 130 from Fingal Bay to Newcastle, via Newcastle Airport will be provided with an extra return service starting today," Greg Donnelly said.

"Port Stephens' residents now have an additional opportunity each weekday to access Newcastle Airport and Newcastle CBD.

"The additional service will supplement the existing peak services and assist commuters and TAFE students attending college in Newcastle.

"This new bus is air conditioned, low floor accessible and meets the latest emission standards. It was paid for by the NSW Government and recently delivered to Port Stephens' Coaches."

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 Newcastle area."

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