



Media Release

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AUSTRALIA POST SIGNS UP TO SELL PREPAID BUS TICKETS

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

Embargoed until 5am Tuesday 11 August 2009

Minister for Transport David Campbell announced today that Australia Post offices in the CBD had signed up to sell Sydney Buses prepaid tickets.

Mr Campbell said Sydney-siders had embraced the cashless bus system in the city, which was already cutting travel times.

“We’ve had overwhelmingly positive feedback on the prepay program so there’s no doubt that commuters are fully behind it and that’s great to see,” Mr Campbell said.

“With Australia Post now jumping on board, passengers have 11 more locations to purchase their prepaid tickets in and around the city. This brings the total number of CBD ticket outlets to over 150.”

The locations of the 11 Australia Post offices selling Sydney Buses tickets are:

- **Australia Square**
- **Queen Victoria Building**
- **Royal Exchange – Pitt St**
- **MLC Centre – Martin Place**
- **Sydney GPO – Martin Place**
- **Surry Hills Shopping Centre**
- **Stockland House – Castlereagh St**
- **World Square Shopping Centre – George St**
- **Sydney Central – Pitt St, Haymarket**
- **Broadway Shopping Centre**
- **Strawberry Hills – Cleveland St**

Mr Campbell said the prepay program was cutting travel times for commuters in the CBD.

“A comparison of running times before and after the program was implemented tells us that people are now spending less time on their bus trip, which means more time to do what they want.

“Analysis was done on the travel times for the Route 440 bus service which runs along George Street, from Circular Quay to Railway Square, on its way to Rozelle. It showed an average time-saving for both morning and afternoon periods of four minutes.”

Route 440 – Average Running Times - Circular Quay to Railway Square along George Street

	3 July 2008	6 May 2009	Time Saving
7am-10.30am	19:46 mins	15:34 mins	4:12 mins
2pm-4.30pm	20:16 mins	16:21 mins	3:55 mins

Full details about prepay, including a complete list of ticket outlets, can be found online at www.sydneybuses.info or by phoning Transport Info on 131 500.

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