



PREMIER REES ANNOUNCES MORE RAIL SERVICES TO BENEFIT QUEANBEYAN

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NSW Premier Rees visited Queanbeyan today announcing additional rail services between Sydney and Canberra.

“We’ve listened to what the community has to say about passenger services between Sydney and Canberra and from Sunday, December 6 this year we will be re-introducing daily midday services in each direction.

“The new timetable will create an additional eight services a week between Sydney and Canberra, four in each direction.

“This creates greater consistency and passengers up and down the line – including Queanbeyan residents – will be better able to plan their trips to and from Sydney.

“A review of patronage showed that numbers using the service had dropped dramatically by 43 percent from 2002/03 to 2007/08. This was primarily attributed to the fact that the midday service only ran in one direction on alternate days of the week.

“Under the new timetable, there will be a midday service out of Canberra and Sydney every day of the week.

“This also means that the Canberra to Eden coach services can be adjusted to operate daily at the same time.

“Queanbeyan residents had really suffered from having a timetable that was patchy and difficult to understand. Patronage on the midday services had dropped by more than half.

“From December, this means that there will be both a morning and midday service running each way on every day of the week. There will also be a new morning service each way on Sunday.

Member for Monaro, Steve Whan, said the Premier’s announcement was welcome news for local families.

“This is really a win for commonsense, and I want to thank the Premier for finding a simple solution to a timetable that created a lot of confusion.

“Connecting Queanbeyan with Sydney is an important issue for local families and businesses who will all benefit from greater reliability from this service,” said Mr Whan.

Existing services

	Ex Sydney	Ex Canberra
Morning Service	Monday to Saturday	Monday to Saturday
Midday Service	Sun, Tue, Thu, Sat	Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri
Evening Service	Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri	Sun, Tue, Thu, Sat

Services from 6 December 2009

	Ex Sydney	Ex Canberra
Morning Service	Daily	Daily
Midday Service	Daily	Daily
Evening Service	Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri	Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri