



# Media Release

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## **FOOTBALL FANS URGED TO BEHAVE ON FRIDAY NIGHT**

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Minister for Transport David Campbell today said transport agencies were gearing up with State of Origin-style public transport arrangements for this Friday night's NRL final.

Mr Campbell said Friday night's match could be a record-breaker with more than 60,000 people expected and he urged fans to leave their cars at home and take public transport.

"Friday night is a massive night for NRL fans with two archrivals going head to head," Mr Campbell said.

"The atmosphere starts on the platform and we want people who attend the match to have a great time, and get to and from the game as smoothly and safely as possible. That's why extra trains and major event bus services will operate.

**"I can also announce that a deal has been struck between the NSW Government, the NRL and ANZ Stadium, which provides an integrated ticket for fans to attend the match and use public transport.**

"Fans catching public transport to the ground only need to show their match ticket to pass through the train gates or board a bus. Just don't forget to hold onto your ticket for the trip home."

NSW Police Assistant Commissioner Denis Clifford urged fans to be on their best behaviour so all supporters can enjoy Friday night's game.

"We want supporters of both teams, including the many families who'll be in attendance, to enjoy the match in a safe and secure environment," Assistant Commissioner Clifford said.

**"Police will maintain a strong presence around the ground on Friday night and move swiftly against anyone caught misbehaving. Fans travelling by public transport to Sydney Olympic Park can also expect a heavy police presence."**

NSW Police and RailCorp this week launched 'Operation Vision V' to crackdown on crime and anti-social behaviour on the rail network across the Sydney metropolitan area, the Hunter and Illawarra.

Over the next three months, extra police and transit officers will patrol trains, railway stations, interchanges and commuter car parks.

Fans choosing to drive to the game have been advised to pre-book a parking space at Sydney Olympic Park and to try to avoid Homebush Bay Drive, where the heaviest traffic is expected.

For further transport information go to [www.131500.com.au](http://www.131500.com.au) or call 131 500.

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