



Media Release

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ANOTHER NEW OSCAR FOR THE ILLAWARRA

The NSW Government has invested \$3.6 billion in 626 new rail carriages for commuters

Embargoed until 5am Monday 3 August 2009

Transport Minister David Campbell today welcomed the arrival of a state-of-the-art Oscar train that would operate 35 weekly services on the Illawarra/South Coast line.

Mr Campbell said the new train would increase the total number of weekly Oscar services operating on the Illawarra/South Coast Line from 278 to 313.

“From today, this brand new Oscar will operate on the weekday morning peak service departing Thirroul at 6.28am and arriving at Bondi Junction at 8.21am,” Mr Campbell said.

“It will also replace the existing train on the evening peak service from Martin Place, departing 5.19pm and arriving at Port Kembla at 7.24pm.

“In addition to the peak-hour services, during the off-peak this Oscar will operate on selected suburban services between Sutherland and Bondi Junction.

“When the new CityRail 2009 timetable is introduced on 11 October 2009, the number of Oscar services on these lines will increase further to 366 per week.”

Mr Campbell said the latest addition to the CityRail network would provide new levels of comfort and safety for Illawarra commuters.

“Each Oscar is equipped with the latest features such as CCTV, air-conditioning, on-board passenger information screens and seats with graffiti and fire-resistant coverings,” Mr Campbell said.

“This train is part of the Government’s significant investment to upgrade the CityRail fleet, and is one of 122 Oscars now in service.

“The NSW Government has since committed \$320 million to purchase a further 72 Oscars to be delivered from 2010 and on top of that, we also have on order 626 new air-conditioned Waratah carriages under Australia’s largest ever rollingstock contract.

“The partially-completed carriages of a pre-production test vehicle arrived in Australia last week and will undergo final manufacture in the Hunter.

“The first four Waratah carriages in the fleet will be delivered to the Cardiff facility for final assembly and commissioning later this year.”

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