



Gladys Berejiklian MP

Minister for Transport

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OPAL A GEM FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT

London has the Oyster, Hong Kong has the Octopus, and Sydney will have the Opal.

Transport Minister Gladys Berejiklian today announced the Australian national gemstone would find its way into the pocket of public transport customers in the form of the new electronic ticket.

With the first roll-out of the new ticket scheduled for Sydney Ferries late next year, Ms Berejiklian said it was time to name the card which would become a travel essential for passengers in Sydney, the Hunter, the Illawarra and the Blue Mountains.

“The Opal will become the ticket to ride for 1.5 million commuters and thousands of daytrippers and visitors – making their journeys easy and seamless,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“We have all waited too long for electronic ticketing which the former Labor Government promised to deliver in time for the Sydney Olympics.

“Because of Labor’s bungling and broken promises, public transport customers will get their first taste of electronic ticketing on home ground in the year of the London Olympics.”

Ms Berejiklian said the name Opal had been chosen because it was uniquely Australian, short, and easy to say.

“As well as being the national gemstone, the black opal is the State’s gemstone symbol – another reason to name our electronic ticket the Opal,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“Opals are beautiful and widely recognised as an Australian symbol.

“It’s the perfect name for a ticket which will transform travel for the people who use our trains, buses, ferries and light rail.

“This ticket will make using our public transport system quicker and easier and will be a real drawcard in our efforts to encourage more people to leave their cars at home.”

ATTACHED: List of 665 names which were considered.

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| Able | Bluebottle | Come On | Easy | Feely |
| Accelerate | Blue-Kando | Compass | Easy As | Fern |
| Access | Blue-Touch | Complete | Easy Blue | Finale |
| Ace | Bluey | Connect | Easy Card | First |
| Achieve | Bold | Connected | Easy Go | Fit |
| Action | Bolter | Connection | Easy Pass | Fix |
| Activate | Bonza | Cool | Easy Rider | Fizz |
| Active | Bonzer | Cool Blue | Easy-As | Flash |
| Adlib | Boss | Cosmopolitan | Easylink | Flex |
| Advance | Bounce | Cosy | E-Blue | Flexi Card |
| Air | Bound | Cracker | Edge | Flexy |
| Alice | Brain | Create | Edna | Flicker |
| Alive | Brav | Crib | Egg | Flip |
| All Class | Bravo | Crown | e-Go | Float |
| All Ok | Break | Cruise | Electro | Flow |
| Also | Breathe | Crystal | Electro Blue | Flux |
| Any | Breeze | Crystal Blue | Electronic | Fly |
| Apples | Bridge | Current | e-lib | For Shore |
| Aqua | Bright | Dance | e-max | Force |
| Arba | Brite | Dare | Emerald | Forward |
| Arc | Bruce | Dash | Emu | Fox |
| Arrived | Brumbie | Dawn | Engage | Free |
| Arrow | Buddy | Deal | Engine | Freedom |
| Ascent | Buggy | Delta | Enviro | Fuel |
| Ash | Bullet Card | Dest | E-pass | Fulfilled |
| Aspex | Burst | Diamond | Equal | Fuze |
| Atom Card | Bush Fire | Didga | e-space | Fuzzy |
| Aurora | Buzz | Didgeridoo | Est | Gadget |
| Aus Blue | Cactus | Dilly | ET | Galivant |
| Australia | Can-Ya | Dime | ET Card | Gallos |
| Autumn | Card | Dingo | e-tap | Gateway |
| Axis | Care | DingoForce | Eternity | Gato |
| Bang | Carriage | Dink | e-tripper | G'day |
| Banjo | Catch | Dinkum | ETS | G'Day |
| Barefeet | Cent | Direct | Everyday | G'donya |
| Be | Change | Disk | e-way | Gecko |
| Beam | Cheater | Dive | Excite | Gem |
| Bee | Cheeker | Dodge | Expanse | Generation |
| Beep | Cheese & Kisses | Dog & Bone | Explore | Get About |
| Bingo | Cheetah | Dove | Express | Get on |
| Bliss | Chic | Down | Extra | Glad |
| Blue | Clean | Dream | e-zone | Gleam |
| Blue Day | Clear | Drifter | Fairgo | Glide |
| Blue Gem | Click | Drop In | Fantastic | Glow |
| Blue Horizon | Coast | Duo | Fantasy | Go |
| Blue Pacs | Cobalt | Eagle | Fare Go | Go Card |
| Blue Tongue | Cobber | Ease | Fast | Go For It |
| Blue Way | Colt | East | Feel | Go To |
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| GoBlue | i-roam | Magpie | Ocean | Quack |
| Gold | i-scan | Master | Oi | Quick |
| Golden | i-space | Mate | Ok | Rapid |
| GoMate | It | Matey | Omnimove | Rare |
| Good | i-touch | Matilda | On | Reach |
| Good to Go | i-tripper | Max | On Spec | Realise |
| Goodo | i-way | May Dats | On Tap | Red |
| GoTo | i-zone | Me | On Ya | Reeler |
| Go-Ya | Jackeroo | ME | One | Release |
| Grab | Jet | Me 2 You | Onmitravel | Rev |
| Grasshopper | Jewel | Meet-Ya | Onya | Ride |
| Great | Jewel Mate | Melt | On-Ya | Right |
| Greater | Jingo | Met Easy | Opal | Right On |
| Green | Joey | Mine | Orb | Righto |
| Green & Gold | Joker | Mint | Orbit | Ring |
| Grin | Joy | Mix | Origin | Rippa |
| Grown | Jump | Moble | Orion | Ripper |
| Gumnut | Kandoo | Mondo | Own | Ripper Mate |
| Guru | Kango | Monkey | Oxygen | Ripple |
| Happy | Kan-guru | Moon | Pal | Roam |
| Harbour | Keen | Move | Pan | Rock |
| Harmony | Kicker | My | Panther | Roo |
| Have a Go | Kindred | My Blue | Pass | Round |
| Heart | Koala | My Card | Pass About | Rover |
| Helix | Kookaburra | My Mate | Passport | Run |
| Here | Kookago | My Pass | Pearl | Runner |
| Hip | Launch | My Ticket | Peep | Rush |
| Hit | Lean | My Time | Pilot | Sage |
| Hitch | Leap | My Trip | Pip | Sam |
| Hits | Legend | My World | Pipit | Sapphire |
| Holder | Let's | My-Fly | Pivot | Satisfied |
| Home | Let's Go | MyGo | Plankton | Saturn |
| Hook Up | Letzgo | My-go | Plato | Saved |
| Hop | Liberty | MyT | Play | Scope |
| Hope | Licence | MyTrip | Please | See |
| Hopper | Life | MyWay | Plonker | See-Ya |
| Horizon | Lift | Ned | Plot | Select |
| Hot | Lingo | Net World | Plus | Self |
| Hum | Link | Network | Pointer | Sensation |
| Hunter | Linkup | Next | Pony | Sense |
| Hybrid | Live | Nice One | Pop | Sequel |
| i-can | Look | No Shoes | Porkie Pie | Sequin |
| I-Go | Loop | No Stop | Power | Set To Go |
| Impress | Looper | NoFuss | Prime | Shaker |
| Indi-go | Lumicard | Now | Pro | Shape |
| Indy | Luna | NSW | Pronto | Shark |
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| Shine | Spring | SydneyCard | Traveller | Wave |
| Shrimp | Sprint | System | Travel-mate | Waver |
| Signature | Spur | SYTRAC | Trend | Way |
| Simple | Spy Card | Take | Tribal | Weave |
| Sing | Star | Tap & Go | Trip | Web |
| Skip | Start | Tap on | Tripper | Whale |
| Skippy | Step | Taps | Trot | Whatsup |
| Sky | Step Up | TBF | Trouper | Whip |
| Sky Blue | Stick | TC20 | True | Whippa |
| Sky Rocket | STRAC | Teal | Twango | Whirl |
| Sleekit | Strat | Tech | Tweaker | Whoosh |
| Slide | Stream | Tempo | Twist | Who |
| Slider | Strobe | Terif | Twister | Who Goes |
| Sly | Stroll | Their | Ultimate | Why Wouldn't You |
| Smart | Strong | There | Ultra | Wings |
| Smoko | Sun | Think | Uni | Wink |
| Smooth | Sun Card | Thumb | Union | Xtra |
| Smyle | Sun-Go | Tick Easy | United | XXXXX |
| Snap | Sunny | Tide | Unsung | Yes |
| Sneaky-Card | Sup | Tiger | Up | Yours |
| Soar | Supernova | TipTop | Urban | Zam |
| Solar | Sure | To | Us | Zap |
| Solar Card | Surf | Together | Via | Zappo |
| Solo | Surge | Tops | Vibe | Zeal |
| Soul | Surround | Torpedo | View | Zest |
| South | Swag | TotalWired | Vim | Zigaroo |
| Spade | Swat | Toto | Vine | Zing |
| Speed | Sweep | Tracker | Vital | Zip |
| Speedo | Sweet | Tran Card | Vroom | Zipp |
| Sphere | Sweet As | Transblue | Wand | Zoom |
| Spider | Swell | Transcard | Wander | Zoomerang |
| Spike | Swift | Transgo | Wanna | Zuma |
| Spin | Swiftly | Transit | WannaGo | Zushi |
| Spirit | Swing | Transmax | WaraGo | |
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