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### **BLUE MOUNTAINS BENEFITS FROM TIMETABLE CHANGES: 600 EXTRA PEAK SEATS, 8 NEW WEEKEND SERVICES**

Local commuters are big winners under the CityRail timetable changes, with 600 extra seats in the weekday peaks, and eight new services per weekend, Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian and Blue Mountains MP Roza Sage announced today.

“This is good news for train passengers in the Blue Mountains,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“Extra carriages and extra seats in the peak will ease overcrowding and provide the added capacity commuters need on the busiest services.

“These timetable changes deliver an extra 600 seats in peak periods which is good news for those travelling longer distances to Sydney.

“There will also be eight extra services on weekends to increase capacity during the periods of highest demand.”

Blue Mountains MP Roza Sage said the timetable changes would deliver improved services when they were needed most.

“Blue Mountains train passengers will benefit from these changes because it delivers more seats when they’re needed,” she said.

“Eight new services per weekend will also be introduced at periods of high demand, and an adjustment to the departure time of one weekend afternoon service from Central to Mount Victoria will also be made to align with passenger demand on Saturdays and Sundays.

“The extra weekend services will make it easier for people to travel to and from the Blue Mountains, and that’s good news for local businesses.

“The message for Blue Mountains customers is to be ready for 23 October, plan ahead and find out how these changes will affect your journey.”

These timetable changes will be carefully monitored following introduction on Sunday 23 October 2011.

Timetable information is available from [www.131500.com.au](http://www.131500.com.au) today, or from train stations from 12 October.

# BLUE MOUNTAINS LINE BENEFITS

## AM Peak Improvements

Service	Capacity Increase
4:37am Lithgow to Central	From 6 to 8 carriages
6:32am Mount Victoria to Central	From 6 to 8 carriages
6:32am Lithgow to Central	From 4 to 8 carriages

## PM Peak Improvements

Service	Capacity Increase
3:52pm Central to Lithgow	From 6 to 8 carriages
4:24pm Central to Mount Victoria	From 6 to 8 carriages
6:08pm Central to Lithgow	From 6 to 8 carriages

## New Weekend Services

Saturday	Stopping
6:36am Mt Victoria to Central	All stations to Penrith, then Blacktown, Parramatta, Granville, Strathfield and Central.
9:48am Central to Mt Victoria	Central, Strathfield, Granville, Parramatta, Blacktown, Penrith and all stations to Mt Victoria
3:36pm Mt Victoria to Central	All stations to Penrith, then Blacktown, Parramatta, Granville, Strathfield and Central
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