



End Transport Discrimination Now

New South Wales remains the only state in Australia where tertiary international students cannot receive some form of discounted travel on public transport. Part-time students are also excluded from concessions in the state of NSW. We call on the NSW State Government to act on the platform to end transport discrimination now.

We congratulate the efforts by the Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association (SUPRA) and Student Representative Council (SRC) to revitalise the Fair Fares campaign by bringing a petition with over 21,000 signatures to the NSW Legislative Assembly. This petition was discussed at the NSW Legislative Assembly on 9 May, where international and part-time students received cross-bench support, including from the NSW Vice-Chancellors' Committee, the NSW branch of the National Tertiary Education Union, and City of Sydney Council.

At the 2024 NSW Labor Conference, rank-and-file activists passed motions to amend the NSW Labor platform to support the provision of transport concessions for all tertiary students. We note the work of activists in the USYD Labor Club, Sydney and Parramatta and the Hills Young Labor Association, Young Labor Left, and the Rail Tram and Bus Union (RTBU) for pushing for this platform amendment.

We call on the NSW Labor Government to implement the NSW Labor Platform commitment with regard to “the provision of transport concessions to all tertiary students, including international and part-time students.’ University student unions in NSW will continue a public campaign, and our members in the ALP will continue to advocate internally within the party. We invite the NSW Labor Government, and the Transport Minister to work collaboratively with students and rank-and-file activists alike.

The time to act is now, the decades of transport discrimination must come to an end.

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