

WSPTU

Western Sydney Public Transport Users

MyZone Ticketing - A Great Day For Public Transport Users In Western Sydney

MyZone ticketing is an excellent step towards an integrated ticketing system in Sydney and provides valuable new public transport ticketing products for the people of Western Sydney at very good prices. It has been important to make sure that all people in Sydney are given access to the full potentials of the public transport system in Sydney and this MyZone ticketing system takes a huge step towards this outcome. This is a significant social inclusion initiative.

For the first time, this is system-wide, zone-based approach, to integrate public transport fares (not just the ticketing) for all people in Sydney. This enables the public transport system to compete more effectively with the private car for flexibility, convenience and value; particularly in Western Sydney, South Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

And the MyBus Travel Ten tickets will now be available for everybody, including people using the private bus system, and with discounts of 20% because it is a multiple trip purchase. The MyBus Travel Ten has no time restrictions. The MyBus Travel Ten will overcome the lack of flexibility which devalues the current weekly bus tickets available on the private bus system. These tickets can also alleviate price anomalies which can be experienced by people close to the boundaries in a zone system. The MyBus Travel Ten tickets will be good for people who only use the bus and don't use the train.

For people in Western Sydney, South Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, who are much more likely to travel long distances than people closer to the Sydney CBD, the restructured fares also provide great value. The \$57 cap on the MyZone Multi tickets are fantastic value for long-distance commuters in the outer parts of Sydney and are a real enabler for people to broaden their range of job opportunities. And while there is an increase in price from the old "DayTripper" to the MyZone Multi Daypass, the inclusion of the private buses on the ticket provides extra value not available on the DayTripper; a particular advantage for people in the outer parts of Sydney.

These changes are also very likely to strongly benefit low-income people and people with busy families because they will be able to take advantage of the flexibility,

unlimited changes of mode and discounts available in the MyZone Multi tickets and the MyBus Travel Ten tickets. In fact, most daily trips are done for journeys that people take are not related to work and these, more flexible, MyZone tickets will help with these journeys, more effectively competing with the choice to use a private car.

The MyZone website provides good information about the best ticket products to use, giving lots of examples from Western Sydney and answering questions relevant to Western Sydney public transport users. You can find that here:

www.myzone.nsw.gov.au

For the Future

WSPTU suggests that some MyZone Multi tickets be made available for use in Zones 2 and 3 alone or combined.

Recent analysis of the 2006 ABS Census by WESTIR shows that most people living in Western Sydney actually work in Western Sydney. The recent update on the State Plan sets targets for getting people into the Western Sydney regional cities of Liverpool, Parramatta and Penrith by public transport (15%, 50% and 20%). A MyZone 2 or 3 would encourage people to work in these regional cities. This would mean people travelling to the regional cities would get the same value as if they were travelling to the Sydney CBD.

For people travelling locally, near home for reasons other than work (the majority of trips taken), a MyZone Multi for use in Zone 3 or 2 would be very useful. To reach the State Plan targets and to get good sustainability outcomes a MyZone Multi 2 or 3 would be a great addition to the new MyZone ticketing system.

It would also be worth considering incorporating the light-rail, monorail and private ferry system into the MyZone ticketing system, particularly if the light-rail system is expanded into other parts of Sydney.

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