

Help Stop Transport Discrimination

SUPRA had a historic win in March this year, with the Administrative Decisions Tribunal (ADT) ruling that the New South Wales Government was engaging in racial discrimination by refusing to provide travel concessions to international students.

Instead of respecting the decision of the Tribunal and embracing an opportunity to prevent this ongoing discrimination by granting concessions, the NSW Government has decided to appeal the decision and **change** the current legislation to allow them to continue the current practice of **NOT** granting concessions.

The New South Wales Government is discriminating against International students by refusing to provide travel concessions and the Government now intends to change the law to allow them to continue this discrimination.

We must continue to put pressure on the NSW Government by raising public awareness of this issue. SUPRA is currently lobbying politicians to prevent a change to the legislation.

Contact the Minister For Transport

Write, phone, fax or send an email to the Minister of Transport and let him know that you think of the Government's attitude towards international students:

The Honourable John Watkins
Minister for Transport
Governor Macquarie Tower
Level 30, 1 Farrer Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000
Telephone: (02) 9228 4866
Fax: (02) 9228 4855
email: dp.office@watkins.minister.nsw.gov.au

(see below for some other people you could also contact)

Some points you might want to raise in your communications

- You believe that the NSW Government should put an end to the current discrimination by granting ALL eligible students equal access to travel concessions
- You know that the Administrative Decisions Tribunal found the NSW Government in breach of the Anti-Discrimination Act. It is not okay for them to just legislate their way out of the Tribunal's findings
- You are an International student so can't vote, but that you have told many of my Australian friends about this issue and they are not happy
or
- You are a local student and have lots of International students in your classes/department and are ashamed by the current actions of the NSW Government
- You support the views of the Cross-Campus Concessions Coalition
- Tell them it is unacceptable for the NSW Government to be discriminating against international students.
- Ask the Minister for Transport and politicians to respect the decision of the Administrative Decisions Tribunal and provide international students with access to travel concessions.

- The Government's attempt to amend the law is offensive and will not help the reputation of NSW as a destination for International students.
- International students make an important contribution to the social, cultural and economic prosperity of this state
- International students contribute over \$1billion a year to the NSW State economy
- International students contribute over \$8billion dollars to the Australian economy every year
- You will tell your friends and family about how badly the NSW Government treats its International guests
- You feel like you are being treated as second-class and inferior by the NSW Government
- You would like to be treated in the same manner as you Australian student friends.
- Although the Government has said that it would cost \$11million to provide concessions they have not provided any evidence of this cost or conducted a feasibility study or economic analysis

You can also contact

NSW Shadow Minister for Transport, Mr Barry O'Farrell
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 Email: barry.o'farrell@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Rev Fred Nile MLC (Christian Democratic Party)
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Rev Gordon Moyes (Christian Democratic Party)
 Phone: (02) 9230 3340
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Mr John Jenkins MLC (Outdoor Recreation Party)
 Email: jon.jenkins@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Mr Robert Brown MLC (Shooters Party)
 Email: robert.brown@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dr Peter Wong (Unity)
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Other NSW Politicians: You can also write, phone, fax or send an email to your local Member of Parliament and the Members of the Legislative Council. Contact details can be found at the Parliament website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au

IMPORTANT: When writing or speaking to members who are **not** the Minister, please ask them **NOT** to support the bill (Amendments to Transport Act). Tell them they can get more information from www.supra.usyd.edu.au

Why not also...

- Contact your local newspaper and let them know the Government is discriminating against International students.
- If you are an International student, contact your Embassy and Consulate so your Government knows that its citizens are subject to racial discrimination in Australia. Ask them if they are aware that the NSW Government is discriminating against International students by refusing to provide access to travel concession. Tell them it is unacceptable for the NSW Government to be discriminating against International students in this way. Ask them to warn future students coming to NSW that they will be subjected to this discrimination unless the NSW Government complies with the ADT ruling. Ask your Government to relay your concerns to its Australian counterpart.