

Petition Calling for Pets to be allowed on Public Transport

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly in New South Wales. This petition of the people of New South Wales brings to the attention of the House:

Companion Animals play a very important role in people's lives. It is very difficult for inner city residents who rely on public transport to take their pets away, or even go to the vet when they need help.

The *Companion Animals Act* 1998 aims to provide for the responsible care and management of companion animals, to educate the broader community about the importance of pets and to promote animal welfare.

The current ban on companion animals on State Rail services is at odds with these aims. Bus and ferries should allow pets in theory, but this policy is not generally followed.

Most European countries currently allow dogs to travel with their owners on buses and trains, which creates few discernible problems. NSW laws make no such provision, disadvantaging the many people who own pets but not cars.

The undersigned petitioners therefore ask the NSW Government to allow for companion animals to travel with their owners on all public transport, including trains, buses, light rail, and ferries.

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Please return to Clover Moore MP, 58 Oxford St, PADDINGTON, NSW, 2021