



The Hon Victor Dominello MP
Minister for Citizenship and Communities
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

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TO CP BB
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Dear Mr Perrin *Chris*

I write in relation to free travel that has traditionally been provided to NSW veterans and their families by CityRail, Sydney Ferries and Sydney metropolitan and outer metropolitan bus operators, to attend ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day services each year.

I note that this free travel has been approved each year by the Minister for Transport, on a one-off basis, following a written request from the State Secretary of the RSL.

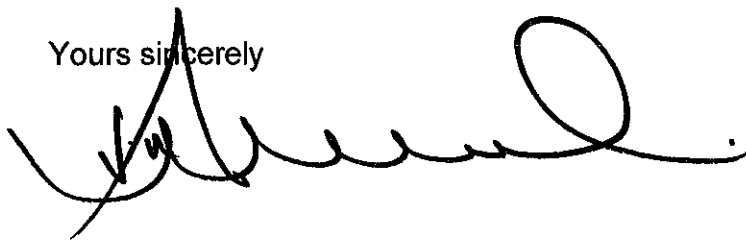
I am pleased to advise that in future, until further notice, free travel on ANZAC Day for veterans and their families will be provided automatically. There is no longer any need to obtain one-off approval from the Minister for Transport for this free travel each year.

As in previous years, veterans must wear their uniforms, display their medals, or carry official documentation from their local RSL Branch to obtain free travel. Free travel will also be automatically available for war widows/widowers and family of living veterans provided they are in uniform, display medals, carry a war widows'/widowers' Gold Card or a formal letter issued by the RSL to confirm their status, or travel with an eligible relative.

I am advised that Transport for NSW is also undertaking work to extend this automatic right to free travel on Remembrance Day. However, this work will not be completed in time for Remembrance Day 2012. In the circumstances, the Minister for Transport, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, has advised that a letter will be sent to transport service providers directing that free travel is to be provided to veterans and their families on Remembrance Day 2012 in accordance with current eligibility criteria.

I would be grateful if you could convey the above information throughout your networks. ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day are significant occasions for veterans and their families and the NSW Government is delighted to be able to offer this assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victor Dominello', written in a cursive style.

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