

July 26, 2023

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
MEETING  
TO BE HELD

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023**

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA NO. 1**

JAY NANKIVELL  
GENERAL MANAGER

**FURTHER BUSINESS**

- 1. MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 13/23 - DATED JULY 21, 2023 - SUSPENSION OF REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD (D23/38541)..... 3

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**ITEM 1**MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 13/23SUBJECT:                    SUSPENSION OF REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARDD23/38541**Summary**

The regional seniors travel card was a community transport scheme, approved by the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads and administered by Transport for NSW as a four year trial expires in November 2023.

The regional seniors travel card program suspended all new applications from **7 July 2023** and the government has begun a review into the scheme. The suspension does not affect seniors who already hold a regional seniors travel card. Active cards can continue to be used until the expiry date printed on the front of the card.

Since 2020, the regional seniors travel card has assisted seniors living in regional and remote NSW with the cost of living expenses by providing a non-reloadable, Visa card with \$250 pre-loaded to pay for travel related expenses at retailers.

The regional seniors travel card can be used Australia-wide, including in metropolitan areas and when travelling interstate for:

- pre-booked NSW TrainLink Regional train and coach services
- taxi trips
- fuel at service stations, convenience stores or mixed businesses that operate with a fuel merchant category code
- fuel for someone else's vehicle to support your transport needs
- electric charging stations
- Opal card top up payments
- privately-operated coaches
- selected community transport services.

The discontinuation of the regional seniors travel card will mean the most vulnerable regional travelers will be forced to pay more for travel during a period that is already significantly impacting the quality of life due to the ever increasing cost of living.

**Recommendation**

1. That Mayoral Minute No. 13/23 dated July 21, 2023, be received.
2. That Council writes to Broken Hill's Federal and State Members along with Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government seeking information on the future of the NSW Regional Senior Travel Card beyond November 2023
3. That Council advocates for the continuance of the Seniors Card or a similar program to be implemented to ensure Seniors still have fair and equitable access to the necessity of travel in regional NSW.

**Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.

T. KENNEDY  
MAYOR



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