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ON DEMAND TRANSPORT FOR REGIONAL NSW

On Demand transport is coming to the regions as the NSW Government launches expressions of interest for the first set of public transport trials to bring transport directly to you.

Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Andrew Constance said On Demand will play a big part in the future of public transport and it was critical to bring that future to rural and regional NSW.

“Instead of relying on timetables, On Demand brings transport to you – when you want, and where you want,” Mr Constance said.

“This is a major opportunity for industry to partner with government to improve and personalise transport all over the state.”

Deputy Premier John Barilaro said that while the NSW Government is trialling On Demand services across Sydney, this call for expressions of interest is focused specifically on rural and regional NSW.

Mr Barilaro said the trials could include connecting services to existing transport hubs, schools, universities, hospitals or places of interest.

“This trial is all about putting the transport customer at the centre of the system,” Mr Barilaro said.

“We want to provide a new model of transport for rural and regional NSW that satisfies the individual and unique needs of local towns and rural cities.

“I really would like to see regional companies putting their hand up for this trial, because often its country businesses who know best how to deliver for country people.

“Not only do we want to hear from local innovators, we also want to hear from rural and regional bus, community transport and taxi operators, those who know the local area and understand what local transport customers need.

Expressions of interest for the rural and regional On Demand transport trial will be released on the NSW e-tendering website shortly, with responses from industry due in February 2018.

Following an evaluation period, all pilots are expected to be operational by the end of 2018.

The Transport for NSW team will be on the road travelling through rural and regional areas of NSW in late 2017.

Details of the briefing locations and dates will be published at https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/industry/industryengagement#Transport_for_NSW_events_and_briefings in the coming weeks.

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