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Dear ~~Mr~~ Morey

Employee Opal Card

I am writing to you in relation to some enhanced entitlements for holders of the Employee Opal Card.

Newcastle Light Rail

As you are aware, Newcastle Light Rail was recently launched as a high capacity service through the city centre, connecting key activity precincts and opening up urban renewal opportunities.

This new service is an integral part of the integrated, multimodal service model being delivered to the Newcastle community under contract by Keolis Downer Hunter. In addition, staff were previously able to use their Employee Opal Cards to travel on NSW TrainLink Intercity and bus services into the Newcastle CBD – services now provided by Newcastle Light Rail.

In recognition of these circumstances, I am pleased to confirm that holders of the Employee Opal Card will now be able to use the card to travel on Newcastle Light Rail.

Eligibility to use the Employee Opal Card on these services includes employees of Sydney Trains, NSW Trains and STA, eligible TfNSW employees and current and former employee holders of a Gold Pass and their spouses/partners. Family passes will also be valid on Newcastle Light Rail.

Current and former employees of Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink employed at 1 May 2018 will be able to tap on and tap off on Newcastle Light Rail Opal readers. All other Employee Opal Cardholders will be able to use their current Employee Opal Card as a flash pass while the appropriate system changes are made to the Opal system.

These changes will be effective three working days from the date of this letter.

Sydney Metro

In another major milestone, Sydney Metro will officially open on Sunday 26 May, bringing fast, safe and reliable turn up and go journeys for our customers from Tallawong Station at Rouse Hill to Chatswood.

As you would be aware, part of this service will operate along the former Sydney Rail route from Epping to Chatswood – currently serviced by the Station Link bus service – that has been covered by the Employee Opal Card. Sydney Metro will now replace those services.

In recognition of these circumstances, I am pleased to confirm that, in addition to current eligible Sydney Trains and NSW Trains EA employees, all other holders of the Employee Opal Card will be able to use the card to travel on Sydney Metro services from Tallawong Station at Rouse Hill to Chatswood. This also means that they will be able to transition seamlessly between Sydney Metro and Sydney Rail services at Chatswood.

Eligibility to use the Employee Opal Card on these new services includes current and former employees who hold a Gold Pass and their spouses/partners. Family passes will also be valid on Sydney Metro.

If you have any questions regarding the above changes, please do not hesitate to contact Nicholas Davison, Associate Director Workforce Relations, on 0467 736 735.

Yours sincerely



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Secretary

Cc Alex Claassens, NSW Branch Secretary, RTBU

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