

## Rejection of Kings Cross rail shuttle is a rejection of common sense

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The NSW Government's rejection of a late night train shuttle to take revellers out of Kings Cross is a rejection of a sensible solution to the problem of alcohol-fuelled violence in the precinct said NSW's leading public transport union today.

NSW Secretary of the Rail, Tram and Bus Union (RTBU) Alex Claassens said train workers supported an increase in late night services, with appropriate levels of security, to move people out of trouble hot spots and make it easier for them to get home safely.

Mr Claassens said he had led a delegation of RTBU train crew and delegates to meet with Clover Moore late last year to discuss public transport solutions to the ongoing issues of violence in and around the city.

"Transport workers have practical and workable solutions to public transport challenges and we welcomed the opportunity to meet with the Lord Mayor and offer operational advice on making a rail shuttle work.

"It is clear public transport must be part of the package of measures to keep people safe when they are out late at night.

"An all night, high frequency, rail shuttle taking people away from Kings Cross, and other hot spots like Bondi Junction, back to the city to catch other transport to the suburbs is a simple and effective way to prevent the trouble that is often caused after venues close and people are trying to get home.

"It is disappointing that the Transport Minister has dismissed the initiative so quickly.

"Rejecting the shuttle is simply a rejection of common sense.

"We urge the NSW Government to take a serious look at the Lord Mayor's proposal and reconsider their position."