

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the
Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament
assembled.

The Petition of residents of Armidale and of the Northern
Tablelands

Respectfully brings to the attention of the house:

The disadvantage that the people of this region will face
if the passenger train service to Armidale is again replaced
by road coaches, an inferior arrangement that they
suffered for three years prior to 1994;

The preference of the petitioners for the relative safety,
comfort, speed and unique amenities of the railway
compared with travel by road;

The high regard in which the current train, the multiple
unit Xplorer, is held by its many passengers;

And the indispensability of the Armidale passenger train
to the future prosperity and growth of the Northern
Tablelands.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable
House will resist any proposal to replace trains with buses and
will provide for the continuation, maintenance, development
and good management of the passenger train service between
Sydney and Armidale.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

