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#### **COTA NSW WELCOMES BAIRD GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR SENIORS' CONCESSIONS**

"COTA NSW applauds the State Government's announcement that it will fund key concessions to seniors and pensioners," said Ian Day, CEO of COTA NSW.

The State Government announced that it would renew its commitment to fund a range of concessions to pensioners and seniors for a further three years.

"Voters aged 50-plus represent 43% of all electors in the State. We know they are looking carefully to see which political parties have their interests at heart in the run up to the March State Election."

"We were very pleased when the State Government stepped in to fill the funding gap created when the Federal Government ceased to fund these concessions last year."

"These concessions offer many older people real savings on public transport, their energy and water bills, their council rates, as well as their vehicle registration. At \$343 million over three years, they represent a significant contribution to older people in NSW."

While congratulating the State Government for renewing its commitment to concessions for seniors and pensioners, Mr Day said that COTA NSW hoped this would not be the only election commitment made to support the interests of older people in NSW.

"Nearly 2.5 million people in NSW are aged 50 and over. The size and diversity of this population means they should be a key focus of both major political parties. We expect them to announce a range of commitments that demonstrate they have a clear grasp of the needs and interests of older people in coming months."

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