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**NEW PUBLIC TRANSPORT RESTRICTIONS  
UNWORKABLE FOR COAST**

New Covid-19 Public Transport restrictions will create massive issues for Coast commuters and School Children.

A maximum of 12 people will be allowed on buses, while only 32 passengers will be allowed on each train carriage.

For Coast rail commuters the reality is trains from Newcastle will already be full before they reach Central Coast stations.

Trains starting from Wyong will be full before they reach Woy Woy.

The afternoon return from the City will be worse with trains full when leaving Central.

Will station staff be stopping commuters from entering trains when the new limits are reached?

Most commuters won't even know if seats are available until they get onto the train and then will they be required to leave the train?

These restrictions will force more commuters onto the roads increasing congestion, putting pressure on non-existent parking and hit commuters in the pocket forcing them to pay tolls.

School Children will also be affected if restrictions of 13 persons on a bus is enforced.

School buses are already crowded and what happens when 13 students are already on a bus, do buses just drive pass waiting students?

What happens in the afternoon?

The Government needs to explain how the restrictions will work in practice otherwise chaos is ensured.

Are they adding extra services?

The public have been trying to do the right thing but these announcements cause stress and concern.

The Coast will be worst hit because of the reliance on public transport.

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