



# Media Release

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## NEW TRAIN CONTRACT CREATES JOBS

**Friday 27 March 2009**

NSW Minister for Transport David Campbell said today the Government had finalised the contract for the delivery of an additional 72 OSCAR carriages for the CityRail network.

Mr Campbell said the contract would create around 200 new jobs at United Rail's Broadmeadow plant in Newcastle and around 40 jobs at Taree.

"This \$320 million contract will increase capacity on the CityRail network and deliver better services for commuters," Mr Campbell said.

"This is in addition to the existing \$439 million investment in 122 OSCAR carriages, with 29 four-carriage trains having already been delivered.

"These state-of-the-art trains are an important part of the Government's plans to upgrade the CityRail fleet to further improve safety, capacity, reliability and comfort of passengers across the network.

"The trains are equipped with the latest features such as CCTV, air-conditioning, toilet access for disabled passengers, on-board passenger information screens and comfortable seats with graffiti and fire-resistant coverings."

Mr Campbell said introducing OSCAR services has allowed Tangara trains currently servicing outer metropolitan areas to be brought in to increase peak hour capacity on some of the busiest suburban lines.

"The new OSCARS will help CityRail meet the steady growth in patronage, with an increase of 5.2% over the past 12 months," Mr Campbell.

"As well as purchasing new OSCARS the Government also has on order 626 new air-conditioned carriages under Australia's largest ever rollingstock contract. The first of these new PPP trains are scheduled for delivery from 2010."

Engineering and property services company United Group Limited Rail will also deliver the 72 new OSCAR carriages from 2010.

As with the previous two OSCAR orders, United Rail will manufacture the third tranche of railcars at its Broadmeadow facility in NSW using Mitsubishi traction systems. United Rail's Taree facility will also supply parts for the order.

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