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**NSW public transport concessions must go further, says AMSA**

The Australian Medical Students' Association (AMSA) welcomes the NSW Government's announcement of public transport concessions for international students studying in NSW.

AMSA President, Mr James Churchill, said that the concessions would mean a more fair public transport system for international students, but that changes need to go further.

"Mr O'Farrell's announcement is welcome for many international students in Greater Sydney, the Hunter and the Illawarra, but excludes those studying in many other regional locations throughout NSW," Mr Churchill said.

"Access to affordable public transport is important for student safety, particularly when travelling at night. Students in Wagga Wagga face many of the same challenges as students in Woolloomooloo.

"In addition, it's ridiculous that interstate public transport concessions are still not recognised in many states, including NSW.

"Concessions should be extended to all full-time tertiary students for public transport tickets throughout NSW," he said.

Victoria is now the only state that excludes all international students from public transport concessions.

"The Victorian Government must follow the lead of other states, and end their system of fare discrimination," Mr Churchill said.

Yesterday's announcement comes as hundreds of international medical students face leaving Australia due to a lack of internships, despite current and future medical workforce shortages. State and Federal Governments are still yet to resolve the blame game over funding of the additional positions needed.

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