

PRESS RELEASE

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Australia: Keolis began operating a network of over 400 buses in Greater Sydney, with plans to convert 125 vehicles to electric

- **On 31 October 2021, Keolis Downer, Keolis' Australian subsidiary, began operating and maintaining 406 buses in the Sydney region.**
- **The eight-year contract, worth 580 million euros¹, was awarded on 28 May 2021 by Transport for New South Wales, the public transport authority for the state of New South Wales. It is the first time the network is being run by a private operator.**
- **This contract, which is the largest involving the introduction of alternative-energy buses in Australia, is part of the government's move to convert the region's entire bus fleet to electric power by 2030.**
- **To enhance the passenger experience and boost network use, Keolis Downer has pledged to increase efficiency and reliability of the services and contribute to the network's energy transition.**
- **The subsidiary, which takes over nearly 900 new employees, is responsible for:**
 - **Introducing 125 electric buses** to replace retiring vehicles, with supporting infrastructure technology at Brookvale and Mona Vale bus depots by 2030;
 - **Operating the B-Line bus service**, which includes **38 double-decker buses**, offering turn-up-and-go B-Line bus services provide more seats² and comfortable travel for passengers between Mona Vale and the city centre. Passengers can access real-time service information at the 11 bus stops;
 - **Incorporating 12 Keoride on-demand vehicles** including 4 new accessible minibuses which increase passenger capacity, including wheelchairs and prams. Operating since 2017, passengers can use an app-based service to book their ride at the time that suits them, for journeys between Narrabeen and Palm Beach on the Northern Beaches suburbs.
- **Keolis, which has been operating in Australia for over 10 years, is consolidating its expertise in the country, where the Group operates trams, buses, suburban train networks, river shuttles, autonomous electric shuttles and real-time on-demand transport services in nine cities³. It has around 6,000 employees across the country.**

¹ AUS \$900 million

² 34,200 seats per day, excluding Covid restrictions

³ Adelaide, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Melbourne, Newcastle, Perth and Sydney

The contract's key figures

- **47 lines**
- Over **400 buses**, including **125 electric buses**
- Nearly **900 employees**
- **3 depots** and **1 control centre**
- **400,000 residents** served
- **17.7 million kilometres** per year
- **580 million euros** in cumulative revenues

About Keolis

Keolis is a pioneer in developing public transport systems and works alongside public authorities who want to enhance shared mobility systems to grow the appeal and vitality of their regions. A world leader in operating automated metro and tramway systems, Keolis and its partners and subsidiaries Kisio, EFFIA, Keolis Santé and Cykleo support the core business with innovations offering new and bespoke shared mobility solutions for modes including trains, buses and coaches, trolleybuses, shared car solutions, river and sea shuttle services, bike share services, car sharing, fully electric driverless shuttles and urban cable cars. In France, Keolis is the second largest provider of parking management solutions through its subsidiary EFFIA, and the country's leader in medical transport since the creation of Keolis Santé in July 2017. The Group is 70%-owned by SNCF and 30%-owned by the Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec (Quebec Deposit and Investment Fund) and employs 68,500 people in 15 countries. In 2020, it posted revenue of €6.1 billion. In 2019, 3.4 billion passengers used one of Keolis' shared mobility services. www.keolis.com

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