

Save Bus Éireann

Scrap the National Transport Authority

Bus Éireann is your bus company. Owned by the Irish people, it is under massive attack from government, private competitors and sections of the media.

The current financial difficulties Bus Éireann is in are not of its own making but as a result of government policy which is being implemented by the National Transport Authority (NTA).

Since 2011 the state subvention to Bus Éireann has been cut every year - last year it received just €34 million whereas Horse Racing Ireland received €60 million Bus Éireann paid €59 million in taxes to the state last year. But the NTA took €2m from the company to subsidise Irish Rail instead of increasing both companies subvention.



Unless the government reverses its present policy 2,500 jobs in Bus Éireann will be lost, with devastating results for workers and their families along with and the hundreds of thousands of people around the country who depend on Bus Éireann to provide their transport needs.

Stop the privatisation of Bus Éireann and it's sister companies Dublin Bus and Irish Rail. Keep them out of the hands of the vultures.

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Bus Éireann is under attack:

The N.T.A. is licensing private bus operators for lucrative non-stop routes, Unlike Bus Éireann, these operators do not accept State Free Travel passes. Some Fine Gael sources are talking of bringing in charge for Free Travel . That would lead to abolishing it entirely.

* The NTA ignores flouting of the law. Some private drivers are paid as little as €7 per hour and are being forced to work over 48 hours a week, which is a breach of health & safety laws.

* Bus Éireann Expressway services are run on a commercial basis which receive no state subvention despite being obliged to serve small towns and villages nationwide. The company should be subvented to cover the cost of this social service.

Our demands:

* Allow Bus Éireann run non-stop inter city services just like the private operators.

* Abolish the National Transport Authority and transfer its functions the C.I.E. holding company.

What can I do?

Contact your local TDs, councillors & MEPs. Minister Shane Ross will decide the future of your bus services. Let him know you want to ensure the survival of Bus Éireann and your local services. Email the minister at shane.ross@oireachtas.ie

Support the Workers' Party campaign to ensure Bus Éireann is put on a sound financial footing. Contact us on telephone 086-1908281 or by email: info@workersparty.ie

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