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Short comment

People with disabilities between Armidale and Wallangarra (Qld border) in northern New England face numerous difficulties due to the lack of public transport -rail or bus. Coach services between Armidale and Brisbane stopped operations during the pandemic. There is one countrylink coach connecting Tenterfield and other towns to the train in Armidale that goes to Sydney but the service is available only once a day. Train ride from Armidale to Sydney takes about 8 hrs one way. Numerous representations to the NSW government did not yield any tangible outcome. This issue needs to be examined as a matter of priority. Country people with disabilities need equal treatment when it comes to public transport. Their problem is the absence of public transport -Period.

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