

61 Botany Street.

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Sydney, August 31<sup>st</sup> 1880.

The Worshipful  
The Mayor and Councillors  
of Ballarat East.

Gentlemen,

The convenience to the inhabitants, and the enormous saving to the Municipal Authorities, in Street repairs, and maintenance, of the various Cities and Towns throughout Europe, America, New Zealand, (and also the City of Sydney) where Street Tramways have been introduced, is now so well known and appreciated, that I am induced to make application for a concession to construct & work Street Tramways, through the principal Streets in your Municipality.

I purpose doing myself the honour of waiting on you personally about the 20<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> next when I shall be prepared to lay before you my proposals in detail.

I have the honour to be

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servant.

Jerusalem Smith.

I have made a  
regular application to  
Mayor & Councillors  
of Ballarat West

The Australian Street Tramway Co. 16  
Melbourne Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1880.

The Worshipful the Mayor  
and Councillors of the Town of  
Ballarat.

Gentlemen/

"Re Tramways"

I have just received a letter from Mr David Proudfoot,  
Concessionaire in Dunedin N.Z. in which he says - "We"  
"have now seventeen miles of Tramways in the City and"  
"Suburbs worked by two hundred horses & seven Engines"  
"and that the undertaking is very popular & of great"  
"convenience to the inhabitants the population being 35,000."

Also Mr. Tho. Cyre of the firm of Messrs McLean Bros.  
Rigg, Sealey & Co. of Adelaide now on a visit to  
Ballarat would bear testimony that in his City. Tramways  
are much appreciated & of useful advantage to the -  
travelling public - Many of your own Citizens who  
have travelled in the various Colonies, America & Europe,  
where Tramways are laid would corroborate these -  
gentlemen - that tramways are a boon to the general  
public.

yours, etc

(Signed)

Jerusalem Smith.

I have sent a  
letter to  
the Council  
of Ballarat

No. 1 Smith  
Botany St. Sydney

"Re Best cars for Street Tramways"

Dear Sir:

In reply to your question I have <sup>much</sup> pleasure in stating that I believe the best car for street <sup>Tramway</sup> Traffic is the one in use on the Sydney Tramway lines <sup>known</sup> as the "Yankee" car, and manufactured by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Brill & <sup>Co</sup> Philadelphia, U.S.A. the bottom portion seating 50 & the <sup>upper</sup> 40 passengers

I would suggest that in lieu of the curtains on bottom <sup>portion</sup> of cars, sliding shutters or slabs be used, which can be let <sup>down</sup> or drawn up by the passengers, making the car a closed or <sup>open</sup> one at will.

Although these cars only seat 90 passengers each, they have <sup>car</sup> 150 pass<sup>ngs</sup> each, frequently, this will give you an idea of the <sup>size</sup> of the car, which combined with its lightness is a most <sup>important</sup> matter, not only have they done this extra heavy running well, <sup>but</sup>

they have stood the ~~hot~~ climate in a most excellent manner, having been in continual use every day for over 12 months & I think is a good test, I would also suggest that the top <sup>portion</sup> be made moveable, so that when not required for use it could be taken off, thus relieving the rolling stock of a certain amount of dead weight when running. The price of these cars is \$3,000 delivered free in Sydney, & in addition of same extra. Should you require further information I shall be pleased to give it to you

30/9/80

James Roberts  
Supt. Trams