

**North West Rail Link
Environmental Impact Statement 1
Application Number: SS1-5100
Franklin Road Station, Cherrybrook**

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Dear Director,

It is critical that the North West Rail Link be built for the social and economic wellbeing of the greater Sydney region.

Comments made are in relation to the Franklin Road Station in Cherrybrook.

Anticipated problems need to be addressed in a timely manner to ensure minimal negative impacts. I refer specifically to the increased traffic that will flow into the West Pennant Hills Valley once construction begins. This impact will adversely affect the length of queues and congestion with the Valley. This impact will occur throughout the day. As Franklin Road is a major construction site, it is likely that the works will occur over a 2 year period.

The state of Glenhope Rd needs to be considered in relation to the usage that will occur during construction and once the station is operational. Improvements need to be made prior to the end of the construction phase.

The importance of maintaining traffic flow along Castle Hill Rd cannot be overstated. It is imperative that action is taken to ensure commuters can access the Franklin Road Station with minimal disruption to traffic flow along Castle Hill Rd. An overhead walkway for pedestrians/cyclists is essential to ensure minimal disruption to traffic flow along Castle Hill Rd.

Bus bays/bus stops, kiss and ride, all to drop the passengers on the south side of Castle Hill Rd who then access the station via an overhead walkway. The bus bays/bus stops and kiss and ride facilities need to be out of the traffic lanes.

Shuttle buses through the neighbourhood to the station will encourage commuters to leave their car at home, or park at their nearest bus stop on the shuttle route. This will minimize congestion throughout the WPHV and increase the amount of available parking in the station precinct.

Due to the nature and extent of the information that will be presented in the NWRL EIS 11, I believe it would be appropriate to have an extended exhibition period as there will be numerous problems to be addressed which will be very specific to each local area. These issues will need to be discussed within the local community, and a 4 week exhibition period makes this difficult.

Regards,

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