



Department of Planning, Industry and Environment NSW  
Government NSW  
Sydney Metro West

**Re: - Sydney Metro West Project**

Parramatta Chamber of Commerce is the second oldest Chamber in Australia: representing the businesses in the Parramatta and surrounding geographical areas for more than 100 years.

The Parramatta Chamber of Commerce supports the creation of a Sydney Metro West which will service Westmead, Greater Parramatta, Sydney Olympic Park, The Bays Precinct and the Sydney CBD linking new communities to rail services with intermediate stations. We do however consider changes are required to the plan currently on exhibition.

The Chamber notes there is no plan for the inclusion of a station at Camellia or Rydalmere. We understand that Rydalmere/Camellia could well be serviced in the future by another Metro line and as such the provisions should be made now to enable those two lines to interlink at Rydalmere/Camellia, as well as link to the Light Rail. Further it will enhance the ability for employees and other visitors to access Parramatta from surrounding areas, as well as attend the races at Rose Hill race Course, which has now lost its heavy rail connection.

The Chamber considers a stop at Rydalmere/Camellia is essential for continued growth of the area and direct access to Parramatta and surrounding business, facilities, tourism, and the extension of residential development.

Rydalmere/Camellia is an area of great potential. As noted above it currently provides access to Rosehill Gardens Racecourse, Western Sydney University, a planned residential area and is an eastern access point to Parramatta.

We note that Sydney currently has 9 stops for access through trains and whilst Parramatta currently is serviced by only one stop in the CBD, and a second at Harris Park which is in fact within walking distance of the CBD station. An additional stop at Rydalmere/Camellia would provide a further access point to the East whilst Westmead could continue act as an access point to the Western side of Parramatta, noting that it is already serviced by heavy rail.

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The Chamber acknowledges that the aim is to maintain a rapid connection from the city to Parramatta and the addition of a Rydalmere/Camellia stop will impact, but considers swapping a stop at Pyrmont for Rydalmere/Camellia will enable passengers to use the Metro West to get in and out of the city more efficiently. This will also provide Parramatta with a connection it needs to its suburbs. We consider that Pyrmont has many alternatives to enable rapid transport to the city and beyond. Location's North West of Parramatta are already being bypassed with current transport links and this lack of a stop to the East, would further impact on the bypassing of this vibrant area.

Concerns have been raised with the Chamber by heritage and tourism groups as to whether the development of the Parramatta stop will impact on the historic Housion House in Macquarie Street. Parramatta is already losing heritage buildings due to the development of the Parramatta Light Rail and the proposed Powerhouse Museum and we do not wish to see further destruction of what is left of our heritage buildings.

A final concern of chamber is relating to the North-South Metro and is the apparent disconnect between it and the North- West Metro by the failure to complete the section between St Marys and Tallawong as part of the first stage . This simply appears illogical. We consider a link from Tallawong to the airport is essential with a no change facility from the North Shore to the new Airport. A link to the airport is essential to the North West otherwise Mascot will remain as the only likely exit point for air travel.

We as a Chamber appreciate the opportunity to comment, and would relish the opportunity to assist the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment NSW and Metro West in the further development of this strategy. We remain available for further consultation as this Project develops.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Schon G Condon".

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