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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Sydney Metro City & Southwest Sydenham to Bankstown Upgrade

We are writing a submission in support of the proposed modification to the development of the Sydney Metro City & Southwest Sydenham to Bankstown upgrade.

As a land holder and developer in the area, our aim is to support key government initiatives such as housing affordability and the 30-minute City. We aim to do deliver to Bankstown brand new affordable apartments well under Sydney's median unit price, within 30 minutes of the CBD.

The upgrade to metro standards will play an important role in supporting our brand new and highly environmentally friendly development. With transit oriented development around Sydney's train stations of vital importance, we believe in the provision of diverse housing options with easy accessibility – the 30-minute city. As the developer of a significant new mixed-use residential and retail project at 32 Kitchener Parade in Bankstown CBD, we believe the upgrade will provide the infrastructure to meet the needs of the existing and future community in the Bankstown area.

We support the proposed upgrade to metro standards of the T3 Line for the following reasons:

- The project prioritizes the southwest of Sydney. With many areas across Sydney benefiting from a brand new metro line, it is good to see that the south west of Sydney is not being forgotten and the community will be able to enjoy the same transport benefits and standards as the rest of Sydney.
- Bring Sydney, and in turn south west Sydney up to world class metro standards. As a global city, it is essential that Sydney is meeting the transport standard of global cities around the world.
- Better quality stations, which are safer with improved accessibility. The metro system has been proven as a high quality transport option around the world. It is simple and easy to use and will benefit the entire community with unrivaled accessibility and safety measures.
- The metro will offer the south west Sydney community faster and more frequent services to key employment hubs including the Sydney CBD, North Sydney and Chatswood.
- Increase the Sydney train network capacity with an average of 15 trains per hour, equating to a train every four minutes in peak and a capacity of 51,000 people in each direction on the Bankstown line. This disburses the current bottleneck scenario and moves people in and out of the city hubs more efficiently.
- We welcome the potential future provision to allow for a train ever two minutes on the Bankstown to Sydenham line.
- We applaud the decision to retain the important heritage aspects of the train stations on this line, and the decision to minimize the disruption during the construction process for the community.

We would like to see the Bankstown CBD become a destination in its own right for the surrounding suburbs and community. We see the metro line as a positive way to further connect the suburb with the rest of Sydney CBD, attracting more people, businesses and infrastructure to the area.

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In addition, we also support the future provision to sink a portion of the Bankstown train line between the Bankstown CBD and Punchbowl.

As the mayor of Canterbury Bankstown has publicly stated, an underground station at Bankstown will see the entire community benefit by linking the north and south of the Bankstown CBD without obstruction. This will see the area benefit from a new town square and a vibrant social center.

Kind Regards,

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