



# Bankstown City Football Club Inc.

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## **SUBMISSION RE SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN PREFERRED INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT**

Bankstown City FC is a non-profit and volunteer run football club that represents Bankstown in Football NSW Men's and Women's National Premier League Competitions.

Our Club was established in 1960 and has been participating in Football NSW Men's Competitions since 1988, and Football NSW Women's Competitions since 2013.

As the largest sporting club based in Bankstown, we are compelled to provide the following submission regarding the proposed conversion of the T3 Bankstown line to a metro.

The Preferred Infrastructure Report has identified the objectives of the project to improve the quality of the transport experience, to provide a system that is able to satisfy long-term demand, and to improve the resilience of the transport network.

However, the planned project fails on all three of these objectives.

Firstly, the conversion of the T3 Bankstown line to a Metro between Bankstown and Sydenham will decrease the quality of the transport experience for Bankstown residents. Metro carriages will have significantly less seated capacity than the regular Sydney Trains carriages, which will result in the Bankstown community having to stand or face the wrong way for more than 30 minute journeys.

Secondly, it is poignant that the Liverpool via Regents Park train service was removed from the Sydney Trains network in October 2013. This removed direct access to the City from the three railway stations located near our home ground of Jensen Park – Sefton, Birrong and Regents Park – via the Inner West.

The planned conversion of the Bankstown line to a Metro will turn all stations between Bankstown, Lidcombe and Cabramatta into shuttle services with no direct access to the CBD. Given that a majority of these stations are not accessible, such as Yagoona, Birrong, Chester Hill, Villawood, Leightonfield, Carramar and Yennora, this is an even greater disincentive for our local community to utilise public transport.

With the planned rezoning of our local community that will add more than 120,000 residents, this will place unserviceable demand on social infrastructure in the Bankstown community. As a local sporting club, there is already great pressure on the lack of open space for local children to participate in football activities. There are no plans that we are aware of to significantly upgrade sporting infrastructure to cope with new residents – let alone existing residents.

Furthermore, it is our understanding that local schools and hospitals do not have the available capacity to adequately cope with this grossly disproportionate population increase. In our opinion, it is apparent that the Metro is being used to justify the Bankstown community for mass rezonings – we should not have to shoulder the burden of Sydney's population growth in such a disproportionate manner, particularly given the lack of investment into social infrastructure.

Yours sincerely

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