

**Objection to Sydenham to Bankstown Metro**

I object to the Metro plan because of a number of issues that I consider to be inadequate, substandard and discriminatory. After viewing printed material and photos of the transport, there are a number problems with accommodation of carriages as well as automatic & driverless functions:-

- information I have had described to me re: other similar trams overseas it appear that the disabled, elderly and people trying to move prams & luggage/shopping carts will have difficulty with timing on entry. Once on the tram, limited seating, difficulty in reaching anything to hold on. Many of the straps provided in this mode of transport cannot be reached by people, particularly if you have other items to manage. The transport to be provided looks like it is for young, fit and unburdened which will discriminate against those who don't fit the mould of the majority. With ever growing aging population this is most concerning.
- The service itself is going to be falling short of the current standard of transport. There will not be direct access to the City Circle which has been in existence since trains were introduced. Commuters will have to change at least twice from Bankstown to get to the City which will add time & movement congestion at interchange points which will inevitably lead to problems connecting to other services & to overall travel time.
- Those who are at stations beyond Bankstown – Yagoona, Birrong, Berala, Regents Park etc will suffer the same and more amplified problems already being imposed on those on the same line as Sefton. Ever more inter-change points, longer travel time making connections, lack of connection with other lines at interchange points. Virtually abandoned systems and services. There is no "Upgrade" when the service you are getting does not fulfil the same parameters as the one that it is replacing. Substandard provision of service is not an "Upgrade".
- The Metro is to be a privately operated system which the public pay for to be put in place will pay for not only running but also for profits of the private concern & will be paying for in time and inconvenience; Overall the Metro system is not going to provide adequate services to a vast number of people. Canterbury Bankstown is an area already busting at the seams, an area which is due to grow massively in the years to come and the services needed should be an improvement not a step backward in time. People want practical use travel, not dreamland stuff for shiny brochures.

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