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This application regards both support and objections for the current proposals for the Sydney Metro including the Sydenham to Bankstown upgrade. This application number is SSI 17 8256 (dates written: 13-15 July 2018)

My reasons for support for the proposal are typical of the advantages of these types of trains: faster loading and unloading, disabled friendly and more energy efficient and environmentally friendly (supposedly).

My reasons for objection to this proposal are as follows:

Driverless trains, while cheaper to operate, can still have greater dangers of both accidents and criminal behaviour through lack of "decision making" and duties only a person can do, still making us more vulnerable and wary, as well as denying people jobs.

Longitudinal seating in cars, while allowing more standees and people to fit, caters only for short distance commuters and shoppers, but not for the long distance commuter who wants to read, relax, etc, (Yes, all the way from Rouse Hill to Bankstown can be long distance), or the tourist or serious traveller who wants to enjoy the trip and the scenery.

This seating arrangement can also encourage unwanted staring, especially lustfully, with the correct distance between carriage sides providing a "full view" of a person which can even cause all kinds of harassment, intimidation and conflict. The cars therefore should have at least half a car of face forward seats in each car, reversible of course - like existing trains, to at least provide some privacy and better comfort for both the long distance commuter and the tourist.

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High "Berlin" or ~~"border"~~ "border" walls along the line are still persistently intended which will block the scenic viewing (so much variety which will still be available on much of the line). They will also prevent "train enthusiast" viewing, especially children watching the trains and developing an interest in them, and encourage the usual graffiti, when floor ~~and~~ or station platform height only as is already on many sections of lines, including on bridges, should be sufficient to absorb and lower noise.

I am not involved in any political party at time of writing, but am involved with various protest and heritage groups - one - related to trains - the Sydney Electric Train Society - a group which like many, preserves what heritage items it can and runs tours, but, unfortunately, is in limbo owing to no available venue to meet and poor support.

Please give these statements full publicity (you have my permission to publish my name) as well as for the benefit of everyone and the environment. Thank you.

Yours faithfully
Peter Gray
Signed: P. Gray