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Hi

I currently live in West Pennant Hills and have done so on and off since 1972. Historically we have had shocking buses and train timetables. This changed when the M2 was put in and for the first time I was walking distance to a bus that could take me to town.

On a Sunday it now only takes 20 min to get to town. With peak hour and the current M2 improvements it takes me about an hour. To go there by train from Beecroft it takes me approximately 50 minutes, before the changes to the rail timetables when we used to go via Strathfield it took 45 minutes. To catch a bus to the train station would take another 15 min, so over an hour in traveling. To go anywhere but town with public transport it takes me about twice the time to get there. For instance, to go to Hornsby would take an hour for a 30 minute car ride. To go to Dee Why takes 2 buses and 2 trains and takes between 2 to 3 hours to do a 1 hour car ride.

Currently I can take either a train or a bus depending on the circumstances.

I am concerned with the rumours that the new train line going in will require me to change 3 times by train to go to the city:-

- Will this mean that the line will be just as appalling to go to the city as via Carlingford station which is also a train change with a big wait at every new station?
- How long will this journey take?

I also heard rumours that you are considering stopping the buses that travel down the M2 to force people onto the new train line. I am only a 10 minute walk to the buses. If you do this I will be forced to catch a bus and then 3 trains to get to the city which will take me a horrendous amount of time to get to work. If this is the case, it would be easier for me to live in the Central Coast.

Could you explain if these rumours are unfounded?

If they are based in truth, could you explain why such a substandard service is being planned to replace our existing system?

Regards

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