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The Director  
Infrastructure Projects  
Department of Planning and Infrastructure  
SYDNEY NSW 2001.

Dear Sir

***North West Rail Link - Application No. SSI 5414***

Further to our previous objection of 30<sup>th</sup> October to the Epping/Thornleigh Third Track Proposal, we now find that the second EIS for the NWRL confirms that passengers from Cheltenham, Beecroft, Pennant Hills, Normanhurst and Thornleigh who want to go to the City or North Sydney, will be greatly disadvantaged. It would involve catching **three** trains, changing at Epping and then at Chatswood.

For many years, residents on the North West line had to put up with half-hourly trains going via Strathfield. At long last when the new Epping Chatswood link was opened we obtained a service at least somewhat comparable with the Northern line commuters. Now you want to send us back to the 'dark ages', with increased travel times and more cars being forced back onto the roads in our areas. This disruption and backward step in public transport is also likely to drive down property prices in these areas.

We therefore **strongly object** to this proposal which will remove our direct rail link to the city, and we ask you to reconsider with urgency this totally unacceptable proposal which will disadvantage residents on the North West Rail Line.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Michael and Melanie Rankine