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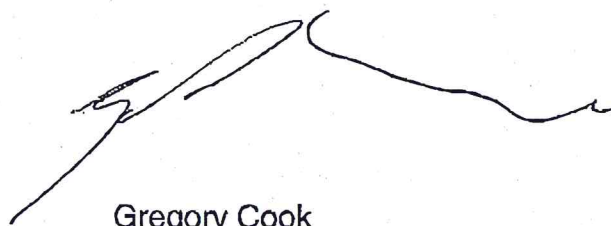
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Dear Sir

Re North West Rail Link
Application Number SSI-5414

I wish to lodge my objection to the NWRL on the basis of the Environmental Impact Statement that confirms extraordinary and impossible disruption of train travel for passengers travelling on trains to and from the city, from stations between Epping and Hornsby. I understand that it may require up to three train changes to make a single journey. Unbelievable! What a totally backward step is this. On the one hand we are being encouraged to use trains and on the other, it most likely will become totally inconvenient to do so. Possibly no seat to sit on, changing trains throughout the journey and how long will this train trip take? Many travellers not just from the suburbs where the stations are but also from outlying areas use these trains. The M2 cannot cope but more people will choose to drive if train travel becomes a total turn off. As it stands we have been messed around with the Epping - Chatswood train route and having to change our train travel. The M2 is a shambles and now what has settled into a reasonable train journey to the city is going to altered yet again. Our trains are not overly frequent, there is talk of a third rail line (yet another disaster) and now the likelihood of another backward step in the manner in which the NWRL will impact on current train services for stations between Epping and Hornsby to and from the city. This is not good enough and although I can understand that infrastructure in the region needs to be improved it simply cannot be done at the cost of creating an infrastructure problem to an existing system that is currently at least working!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory Cook', with a stylized, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Gregory Cook