

**Diane Sarkies - Objection to the proposed changes to the North West Rail Link**

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**Statement in support of our objection to the proposal:**

The Wu family would like to support the objection to the proposed changes to the North West Rail Link which include the replacement of a currently direct train from our local Cheltenham Station to the City, with the proposed single deck 'convenient' metro train between Epping and Chatswood.

**Our reason(s) for objecting to the proposal:**

1. Currently Mr Wu works in the city. If the proposed changes were to be enforced, he would be required to transfer trains twice and thus prolong his journey by approximately 15 minutes. We understand that the original intention of the Epping to Chatswood extension of the Northern Line was to cut the time of travel for those living above Epping. Hence the new changes would defeat the original purpose of the line.
2. Miss Wu completed her HSC this year at North Sydney Girls High. Hence she too has been accustomed to travelling the 27minute train journey from Cheltenham to St. Leonards daily. Although she no longer attends high school, her university education will require her to 'hopefully' attend either the University of Sydney or University of New South Wales. In both cases, a train journey is required down to the city. Once again, the need to board three trains instead of one, becomes an inconvenience.
3. One of the proposed benefits of the changes to the NWRL, include "More trains between Epping and Chatswood - at least 12 an hour, compared to the current four" (<http://northwestrail.com.au/article/project-at-a-glance>). However, we fail to see how this can reduce travel time as it doesn't take into account the fact that passengers must still wait at both Epping and Chatswood Stations, for another train.

Therefore, though it is acknowledged that there needs to be a metro line in Western Sydney. We do not believe that it should impede on an already sufficient system, especially when the cons outweigh the pros. Thus we request that other options be considered for the proposed development of a Western Sydney railway system.

Thank you for your attention.

Regards,  
Lewis Wu, Sally Wu & Ashley Wu