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SUBMISSION REGARDING NORTH WEST RAIL LINK EIS STAGE 2 PROJECT SS1-5414

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ATTENTION DIRECTOR, INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Application number SSI-5414

The NWRL is a much needed project for Western Sydney but it should not be a metro line. The distance is far too long for metro style transport. **The tunnels should be built large enough for current double deck trains to allow its integration into the current rail system.**

I object to the proposal. Passengers travelling on the Northern Line from Beecroft and Cheltenham, who currently enjoy a direct run into the city on one train, will be forced to change at Epping for a single deck train. At Chatswood, they will then need to change again back to a double deck train to get to the CBD.

That means having to get **three trains** into the city increasing travel time by 15 minutes rather than the one seamless system they enjoy now.

The introduction of this incompatible component is unacceptable.

Minister Berejiklian omits the fact that this will create great disruption for existing customers on the Northern Line who will be forced to change trains at Epping and then change at Chatswood where they will inevitably have to wait for connection to a double deck train to the CBD.

I am a regular commuter, I travel to Chatswood by train and to the city on a regular basis. I will find it more convenient to revert to my car, a direct drive to Chatswood. Have the needs of older residents been considered?

I have read Chatswood is unlikely to cope with the commuters in peak hour, the trains from the North Shore will be packed.

Minister Berejiklian suggested residents could drive to Cherrybrook to board the train to Chatswood. Residents did not buy into this area to drive to Cherrybrook to catch a train, we bought here because of the proximity to Cheltenham station.

It was also suggested by a Minister of the current NSW government to catch a train from Cheltenham to Hornsby and travel down the North Shore line This indicates no consideration of the negative impacts on commuters from Cheltenham to Normanhurst.

Yours faithfully

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