

## EIS 2 – Northwest rail link

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Application:      SSI-5414.

### 1. Support for project:

- I support the project.

### 2. Reasons for support:

- The train line will be a valuable piece of infrastructure that will have immediate benefits and advantages once it is complete;
- These benefits and advantages will continue well into the future – possibly the next 100 years (or more);
- The area generally needs more public transport in the form of a heavy rail line;
- In spite of this support there are some concerns as shown in the following section.

### 3. Concerns regarding the project:

- My main area of concern is in regards to Cherrybrook Station – I know the general area of the proposed station and have made a point of actually walking the proposed perimeter of the construction site;
- The main concern is the amount of car parking spaces that has been proposed – 400 may not be enough based on my observations of Beecroft, Thornleigh and Cheltenham stations. There is an area adjacent to the proposed commuter parking ("Future use") that could be converted to more car spaces;
- Another concern is Roberts Road (western boundary of station) - there have been some changes to the intersection with Castle Hill Road that should stop potential "rat running" from that direction; however, there is likely to be a high volume of traffic using this road from the northerly direction which will cause problems for the existing local residents;
- Parking in local streets such as Roberts Road is also likely to be a problem – the use of time limits or no parking signs will potentially solve this problem but may push commuter parking into nearby streets as happens currently around Beecroft and Cheltenham stations.

### 4. Other comments:

- I again commend the high quality of the written advice that has been made freely available regarding this project;
- I felt that the model of the proposed Cherrybrook station was particularly useful;
- I also again commend the quality of the staff at the Castle Hill Information Office and those that attended recent Information sessions – both groups have been polite and cooperative.

### 5. Conclusion:

- Despite the concerns mentioned above, I feel that the benefits of the proposed Cherrybrook station far outweigh any potential problems but some changes at this early stage may prevent or improve some problems.

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