

Diane Sarkies - Objection to EIS2 - NWRL

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To whom it may concern,

I wish to register my objection to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS2) for the North West Rail Link (NWRL).

While I welcome this major development overall, I cannot fathom how it could be conceived to be an improvement for commuters (ie, loyal constituents and voters) of the Northern Line to have to change trains at Epping, and again at Chatswood.

I believe the tunnels should be built large enough for current double-deck trains to allow for its integration into the current rail system.

- The Epping-Chatswood tunnel was a great and welcome improvement. Why now **degenerate** this progress?
- The **population of the Beecroft-Hornsby area is growing**, therefore even *more* commuters will need to use this line in years to come. Could you imagine the human traffic, and it's associated management, at both Epping and Chatswood stations as people move from platform to platform.
- The current proposal is a further **disincentive for people to take up public transport**. Making it harder, longer and less efficient encourages commuters to drive to and from the city. This goes against every environmental message spruiked to us by the government, plus any environmental good sense. In effect, we are being encouraged to do worse by the environment.
- The **increased road traffic** driven to the roads by the inefficiency of public transport options will necessarily involve more traffic accidents – so it will have a real impact on people's health and property as well as the environment.

I reiterate my objection to the short-sighted and ill-conceived need for Cheltenham, Beecroft and further north commuters to change trains twice for a journey to the city.

I am grateful that these points may be taken in consideration.

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