

**Diane Sarkies - application number (SSI-5414)**

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Attention: Director, Infrastructure Projects

Dear Sir

I am writing to **OBJECT** to the proposal for the North West Rail Line as outlined in EIS2.

I live in Beecroft and purchased our home over a year ago specifically because of its proximity to Beecroft railway station offering direct access to the city via rail. The house acquisition was made with a view for catering for my child who has a disability.

I am extremely concerned by the NWRL proposal that will result in my child needing to catch three trains to get into the city and three trains to get home again. There is likely to be crowding at Epping and Chatswood which will further complicate the changing of trains, make the daily commute more cumbersome, lengthier and make it likely that my child will need to stand the entire trip during peak hour. This will be a hard task for a young child but would be extremely hard for a child with a disability especially one with Autism.

I would like specific Input and Clarification on:

- how does his will help my son and my son's disability?
- What studies have you undertaken to ensure that this is a good idea?
- Is the Department's stance that "It is for the Greater Good?", while my child is penalized".
- Is the Department prepared to compensate my family and me for moving to a more convenient location?
- Will this proposal not force more cars onto our already crowded and very expensive roads into the city.
- We plan to make a substantial investment towards the re-building the property we live in. Should we go ahead or should we hold off towards this investment?

By living in Beecroft we are already penalised by excessive tolls (M2, Lane Cove Tunnel, Harbour Bridge/Tunnel) and now we are to be further penalised by debilitating cuts to our rail link.

Beecroft was built around the railway line. The very existence of Beecroft was predicated on the opening of the Northern line and it is a key reason why many people have purchased homes in Beecroft in the proceeding 120 years. To remove Beecroft's direct rail link is an act of very poor faith.

Removing Beecroft's direct rail link to the city will damage our property values. I am concerned that I will be paying a mortgage on a property purchased at a value reflecting its direct city rail access when it doesn't have that access and the value falls as a result.

I strongly object to any proposal which removes our direct link to the city.

I look forward to hearing from you and your Department.

Yours sincerely

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