

Re: North West Rail Link SSI-5414

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Application: North West Rail Link, EIS 2 Submission
Application number: SSI-5414

Attention: Director, Infrastructure Projects

Dear Sir/Madam,

I, Liam Bailey, object to the proposal that the North West Link should interchange at Chatswood and that the Macquarie Park Line should be privatised. I think the line should remain public and interchange at Epping.

I object to the proposal for the following reasons:

- Privatising the line will increase the fares for the passengers travelling on the Macquarie Park Line.
- The North West mainly comprises of families, especially many young families that have now been forced to move to Rouse Hill, Kellyville and Windsor due to the high living costs in Sydney. An increase in travel expenses will add to the financial burden of these families.
- Increased fares will encourage people to drive instead of taking the train and Sydney roads are already congested to full capacity. For example, it is cheaper and more convenient for people to drive to Sydney Airport than pay the ridiculous cost to travel on the privatised Sydney Airport Line.
- Passengers who need to travel to Macquarie University, the large business area of Macquarie Park, and Chatswood will need to change trains at Epping. This will create unnecessary and unsafe crowding at Epping station platforms.
- Passengers who need to travel to the busy areas of St Leonards and North Sydney (especially for fulltime work) will have to change at both Epping and then Chatswood. This will also unnecessarily increase crowding at Chatswood station.
- Passengers who need to travel to Royal North Shore Hospital will need to change trains twice.
- The most convenient and safe transport should get passengers from A to B, not from A to B to C to D.
- The distance of the North West to Epping is shorter than the distance of the North West to Chatswood. So hence building the line to Epping should surely cost less in time and money then extending the line all the way to Chatswood.

I hope you take my all points into your consideration. Many thanks for reading.

Kind regards,
Liam Bailey