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Major Projects Assessment
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Dear Minister,

I am writing to voice my concern re your metro style solution to the North West Rail Link.

As a resident of Beecroft I voted for your government and was excited by the prospect of a change from what I thought was an incompetent Labour government. As it turns out I am equally as disappointed by your government. Not only have you approved a low cost housing development totally out of character with the historical significance and village atmosphere of Beecroft but now you threaten to take away the resident's convenience of travelling directly to the city without changing train.

I would like to know what this Metro style rail link is meant to achieve. Is it to entice people on to public transport and therefore reduce the number of cars on Sydney's roads? Your plan will force Beecroft residents to change train twice meaning they would have to board three different trains for a single commute to the city. At present the same trip takes only one train. Where is the logic in that?

My family and I moved to Beecroft after ten years living in Asia. In Japan we lived in Roppongi and I very quickly learnt the value of living close to a train station. My prerequisite for buying property in Sydney was to be close to a station.

At that time Beecroft used the Northern line which went via Strathfield into the city. It didn't take me long to realise that it was more time effective to drive to the city and abandon the idea of using a public transport system that was inadequate compared to Asian systems.

The recent change to our system via Macquarie Park and the North Shore Line changed my attitude to public transport. I now prefer to use the train to go to the city. Your proposal will take us back to the Dark Ages.

Your proposed Metro System is an inefficient system. One which only creates
More changes
Longer commutes
More standing
More congestion
More inconvenience and what I am totally fed up with
More waste of taxpayers' money.

What is the point of this Public Private deal? Is it just to be able to announce that you have made a deal no matter the consequences?

The construction of the M2 a Public/ Private deal meant the closure of Sutherland Road a short cut to Epping Road, in order to force people on to the toll road. Unfortunately not everyone can afford the hefty toll so now the traffic congestion in Epping is a nightmare. Once again ordinary people have had to add a substantial amount of time to their commute into the city. I thought governments were supposed to work for the people not private enterprise. I personally boycott the M2 because of the unfair proportion of tolls we pay from Beecroft for a short distance.

In conclusion I beg you to think logically and find a transport solution that benefits Sydney and all commuters. I want a government that puts the city and its people first and does not compromise lifestyle for the sake of politics.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. E. Verco'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Christiane Verco