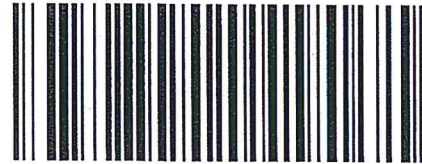


To: Major Projects Assessment Department of Planning & Infrastructure

Submission – Re Northern Line/ Beecroft

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I **object** to the short-sighted construction of tunnels for single-deck trains that have to compete with the double-decker trains on the existing lines. The proposed plan, while servicing the new NW developments, will require commuters on the "Hornsby-Epping" line to **change at the Epping two-level platforms** and **again** at the crowded Chatswood Station, where North Shore passengers have already filled the carriages.

My **reasons for objecting** are primarily the forced need to change trains twice. The elderly and physically affected passengers will be put at great disadvantage having two changes. At Epping, passengers will have to ascend/descend the escalators and wait for another connection, before joining an already –crowded train from the North-West, where the carriages have limited seating. Congestion at Chatswood has been greatly underestimated. Here passengers from the north-West, the Hornsby line and the North Shore line will all compete for standing room only to the city- if they are lucky.

The single deck train concept is the wrong decision for long term travel needs. It is not too late to opt for larger tunnels.

So far all our large infrastructure projects have taken a short-term view, with the result some 5 years, or so later, the roads and tunnels have to be widened to accommodate traffic growth.

signed:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'I. Rutherford'.

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