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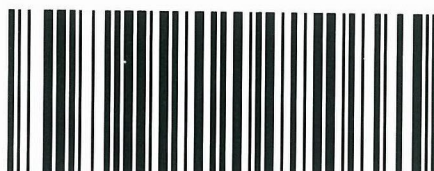
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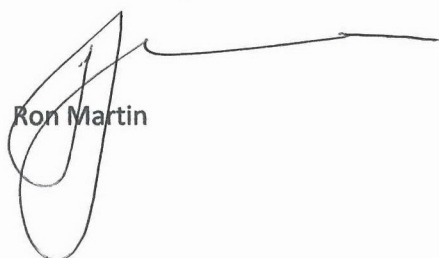
Objection to Proposal for North West Rail Link EIS 2 – SSI - 5414

I wish to object to this proposal because it fails to take proper account of the transport requirements of existing commuters using stations from Normanhurst to Cheltenham including the station I use, Beecroft. These commuters have had direct access (without changing trains) to the key city stations of Wynyard and Town Hall since the City Circle was completed in 1932. It is understood that the above EIS indicates that these commuters will be required to change at Epping and then at Chatswood to get to the city thus undoing something that has existed for 80 years.

Reasons for objecting:

1. If the only way to provide a new service to the north west is by severely degrading the existing northern line service then the proposal is a failure. As the stated intent is to improve public transport for the north west then a way must be found to do so without any existing commuters being severely disadvantaged.
2. The escalators at Epping were never designed to take full trainloads of passengers between the upper and lower platforms and thus severe overcrowding and delay will occur whenever a northern line train arrives at Epping and all the passengers have to alight and make their way to the lower platform.
3. The arrangements to change trains at Chatswood are unrealistic and will lead to regular overcrowding and chaos particularly when north shore line trains are cancelled or suffer mechanical fault. This has already been modelled by Arup but not taken account of.
4. The decision to introduce a metro type service onto an existing suburban line is ill conceived and has never been done anywhere else in the world . The north west rail line needs to be integrated into the existing suburban system in a way that does not disadvantage any existing commuters.

Yours faithfully


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