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Attention: Director, Infrastructure Projects

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The Sydney Metro is a much needed addition to the Sydney's current infrastructure that I wholeheartedly support but believe improvements need to be made to maximise the return for the huge amounts of capital being spent on this project and other North Shore important infrastructure it should provide access to (that has recently been updated at huge cost).

- Concern for proper usage of infrastructure
- This submission addresses issues including;
- Traffic and noise
- Business impacts
- Social Impacts and Community Infrastructure
- Sustainability
- Cumulative Impacts

I note with interest that the planned station for the Artarmon industrial area/Royal North Shore Hospital precinct has been deleted from the planned route. My concerns regarding this missing station impact all the above issues.

Traffic and noise/congestion at Chatswood Station, Central Station or North Sydney Station to increase markedly as workers/hospital patients and visitors change trains to reach the Artarmon Industrial/hospital area.

Business will be impacted by the lack of access for employees. We note Artarmon is an industrial area. By very nature this provides jobs of lower remuneration. The employees of our business currently commute from either the Central Coast or the South West of Sydney where this train line will continue. The Lower North Shore real estate is desirable and therefore expensive and out of reach of the vast majority of industrial employees. To attempt to maintain an industrial area without transport links to the areas industrial employees can afford does not add up. Already it is difficult to find employees willing to make the 1 ½ hour commute from these areas and to have to change to a second form of transport to complete the trip will make it prohibitive. I suspect the biggest employer on the north side, Royal North Shore Hospital's medical staff will make the Hills trip to Chatswood and then have to change, and the hospitality staff will be travelling from the South West and have to change at Central to complete the journey. Two modes of transport for these groups while the metro essentially passes their workplace will not attract the calibre of staff required who are willing to spend the extra time and money to work on the North Shore.

Social Impacts and Community Infrastructure are the concerns for the patients and visitors to Royal North Shore Hospital. Patients are by their very nature less mobile and easy access is required or they will need to use other government services like the ambulance service or their own vehicles to reach the destination, creating more traffic and parking issues.

Sustainability of the whole Artarmon area is called into question if the above traffic, parking and congestion issues are not addressed.

Cumulative impact of all this will be to see frustration at lack of access reduce Artarmon industrial area in viability.

Yours Sincerely,

James Becker