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Submission for Sydney Metro Application no:

SS1 15-7400 To whom it may concern,

This letter is in regard to the intended single deck trains to be used on the North West rail line and their advantages and disadvantage

Sydney, of course is famous for its double deck trains as they naturally have the advantage of being able to carry the most people in the one train carriage, more than a single deck one. But they still suffer the disadvantages of slower loading and unloading owing to only two sets of doors being available and being congested, obviously, along with limitations on elderly and handicapped people. For these reasons, I support the proposal for the single deck trains on the North West Rail line along with them, hopefully using less energy and thus being more environmentally friendly, and naturally, more elderly and disability friendly.

However, I am not happy with their intended design for the following reasons.

- I am wary of them being driverless for the obvious reasons of sudden obstacles and the need to stop in any sudden unexpected emergency.
- All seating is longitudinal - there is no face forward seating, unlike those in Melbourne and Brisbane in which there is both, only for the further disadvantage that you can't turn them. I am not against longitudinal seating altogether, as I don't mind it myself when I am only travelling short distance

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or on a trip I regularly do, but on every other trip, especially one that I want to enjoy the pleasure of ~~view~~ viewing out of both sides of the train, I only like to sit forward facing as most people do, and furthermore, I do not like sitting any other way except on occasions when I am with a group, in a box compartment, rear viewing or as previously mentioned. Therefore, these trains need to cater for ALL types of passengers (except, of course, the badly behaved and wilfully nuisance passengers) like all other public transport, not just commuters and shoppers, and promote tourism. All railways are tourist railways, not just those named as such.

- Longitudinal seating has the potential to attract all the more undesirable and inappropriate behaviour such as unwanted staring or even just looks which can cause many varieties of conflict, with the most common example being "What are you *** (expletive) looking at?" and even the occasional violence or assault of any kind. Even CCTV cameras make no difference or are no deterrent to some badly behaved people.

- It would be preferable that these trains be compatible with the rest of the system with dual voltage and standard gauge track, but if this is an independant system, it might as well be a narrow gauge track, like in Queensland and Western Australia, using all the less energy with less "dead weight".

This is my submission which will hopefully, make you react, ~~and~~ rethink and reconsider.

Yours faithfully, Mr Peter Gray.

Signed: P. Gray

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