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Dear Sir or Madam

**Re: The North West Rail Link construction**

I am not a resident in Robert Rd Cherrybrook but I am part-owner of 11A. I am therefore very concerned about the short and long term impact on my property.

In the short (to medium) term construction traffic, while apparently to be confined to Castle Hill Rd, will add considerably to traffic in the area and noise and dirt from tunnelling and movement of spoil will be continuous. I urge the department to consider noise abatement such as sound barriers and restricting construction hours.

This appears to be a long term and expensive solution to an immediate transport need. While I accept that this project is designed to answer transport needs in the growing North-west it does not answer the needs of Cherrybrook residents as it is far from the centre of the suburb. It will have a majorly detrimental effect on the immediate environs of the proposed station in terms of construction and later commuter parking and egress and access.

I also do not believe that the project as designed will meet its desired objectives of answering long term transport needs in the north-west. Better connections between population centres would serve the north-west better than continued reliance on transport to and from the centre of Sydney.

If Robert Rd is to be used as a 'feeder road' as has been discussed then the value of the property will be affected and the lifestyle of those who live in this lovely quiet spot will be destroyed. When I visit my son, with whom I own the property, there are already many cars parked in the street as there are a number of housing estates which have restricted parking. I am very concerned that parking in Robert Rd will become like parking in Bondi.

I am also concerned that if funding is not available for completion we will be stuck with a construction site for a long time. It is not certain that the Federal Liberal party will fund the project either. Will the project be begun before full funding is obtained?

Yours sincerely

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