

**Submission**

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**INQUIRY INTO THE UTILISATION OF RAIL CORRIDORS**

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Mr Charles Casuscelli MP  
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Parliament House  
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Dear Mr Casuscelli,

***Submission to inquiry into the utilisation of rail corridors***

I write in response to the inquiry into the utilisation of rail corridors which the Committee on Transport and Infrastructure is currently undertaking.

I am of the view that all of the rail corridors in the Greater Metropolitan Area of Sydney must be retained in order to support and appropriately plan for future transport needs. It is clear that the transport needs of NSW will continue to grow and expand meaning adequate planning will be imperative to address these needs.

Where development can assist in providing community connectivity, for instance an over bridge or tunnel, this is a desirable outcome which should be encouraged. Further, development which does not compromise the primary function of the transport corridor, but which generates funding for infrastructure, should be assessed on merit.

It is also important that corridors for future rail projects and/or extensions be identified and retained before the reservation of a rail corridor is no longer possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a contribution into this inquiry.

Yours sincerely

**Kevin Conolly MP**  
Member for Riverstone