

**Submission
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SYDNEY METRO WEST PROJECT

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Dear Ms Voltz

NSW PARLIAMENT INQUIRY INTO SYDNEY METRO WEST – CUMBERLAND CITY COUNCIL SUBMISSION

I am writing in response to the NSW Parliament Inquiry into the Sydney Metro West project. Cumberland City Council appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission, which was endorsed by Council at its Ordinary Meeting of 6 September 2023.

Sydney Metro West

- Council supports the timely construction and operation of Sydney Metro West, to ensure that sufficient rail capacity is provided for residents of Cumberland both now and in the future. A formal commitment from the NSW Government for the timely delivery of Sydney Metro West is urgently sought.
- Under approved plans, access to Westmead metro station is integrated with the existing heavy rail station. To ensure network resilience and better integrate with future housing proposed at Westmead, the separate pedestrian tunnel linking the metro station with the southern end of Westmead needs to be maintained as part of any scope review.
- Planning is advanced on a masterplan and planning proposal to support housing in close proximity to housing at Westmead. Initial community consultation has been undertaken, with further consultation later this year, ahead of formal consideration by the Cumberland Local Planning Panel and Council in the first half of 2024. Delays to the delivery of Sydney Metro West will influence the alignment of growth infrastructure and additional housing to meet the needs of Cumberland and Greater Sydney.
- Should additional metro stations be contemplated along the Sydney Metro West corridor, there is potential for a new station to be contemplated at Silverwater. Council is open for this to be considered by the NSW Government, subject to the following:
 - A new metro station provides infrastructure and services that provide direct links to the Cumberland area (noting that the station would be located just outside the Cumberland Local Government Area). This would include the provision of a commuter car park, bus services, and walking and cycling paths.

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- The provision of this additional station does not significantly delay the delivery and operational commencement of Sydney Metro West between Westmead and Sydney CBD.

On this matter, it is also noted that the current tunnel alignment between Sydney Olympic Park and Parramatta is closer to Silverwater than Camellia, and the gradient of the current tunnel alignment may impede on the ability for an additional metro station to be included.

Strategic transport and land use outcomes

- Council has collaborated with NSW Government agencies in the preparation and finalisation of a Westmead Place Strategy. It is important that any future changes to planning controls along metro corridors continues to support an integrated approach that reflects the local context, rather than a State imposed planning instrument on land adjoining current and future metro stations.
- An integrated and holistic approach is required to ensure that metro stations and their broader precincts meet the needs of the community. This includes ensuring that integrated public transport networks connect to the station, walking and cycling is encouraged, commuter car parking is provided where appropriate, and that the public domain is upgraded and linked with the metro station footprint. Opportunities for direct State investment or grant opportunities for Council would assist in progressing any necessary works.

Connections between Sydney Olympic Park and Lidcombe

- The Sydney Olympic Park metro station is in close proximity to Cumberland. It is noted that Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 also links the metro station to the Carter Street precinct, which is just outside the Cumberland Local Government Area. Opportunities to extend the light rail further south to Lidcombe would enable more connectivity with the metro and increase the catchment for access. In addition, planning and design work is being undertaken for an active transport link between Lidcombe and Sydney Olympic Park, known as Pippita Rail Trail, which will also assist in access and connectivity between Cumberland and the metro station at Sydney Olympic Park. Both projects have the support of Council, and there is an opportunity for the review to consider these projects as part of an integrated transport network in realising the benefits of Sydney Metro.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED],
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Yours faithfully

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