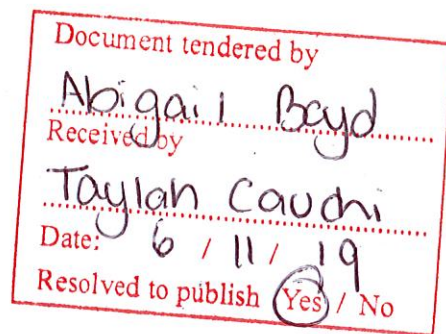


Belmore Shopkeepers Association

4 November 2019
C/O Level 1
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Belmore NSW 2192

The Secretary
Transport and Customer Service
Committee No 6
NSW Legislative Council
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
Sydney NSW 2000



Dear Committee Members

We are writing to you to advise that we are opposed to the conversion of the Sydenham to Bankstown line from heavy rail to Metro.

We as shopkeepers have not been advised of any business persons package to compensate us for any loss of business due to the construction of the proposed Metro.

We have had very little information (if any) of the proposed closure of the line over the Christmas New Year Period 2019/2020 and the resultant traffic and parking changes.

We are a group of shop keepers who are already struggling with our businesses.

We have been liaising with Canterbury Bankstown Council in relation to a number of issues including carparking requirements , timed carparking and improvements to our shopping centre.

We are not aware of the Canterbury Bankstown Chamber of Commerce and no person from this group has every liaised with us and or lobbied on our behalf. They do not represent our views.

We would welcome an onsite meeting/inspection by the Committee of the areas to be affected by the conversion of the Metro so that you can be able to see first hand what a terrible effect this disruption to the railway services and associated construction will have on our businesses.

We urge the Committee to reject the conversion and to recommend to the Government to divert the Metro to an area where there is currently no commuter train line services.

Dislocating an existing train line which acts as the catalyst for business and mode of transport for workers and students does not make economic sense.

Thank you for taking our concerns on board.

Yours Faithfully

Name

Address

Signature

