

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 6 – TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

# THIRD HEARING AND FINAL HEARING FOR THE INQUIRY INTO CURRENT AND FUTURE PUBLIC TRANSPORT NEEDS IN WESTERN SYDNEY

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Earlier this week, Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Transport and the Arts held its second hearing in Parramatta for its inquiry into current and future public transport needs in Western Sydney. The committee heard from a diverse group of stakeholders, delving further into the varied public and active transport needs of Western Sydney residents.

On Friday 9 February 2024, the committee will hold its third and final hearing in Campbelltown, concluding with evidence from Transport for NSW and the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC, Chair of the Committee, emphasised the importance of this hearing: "Throughout this inquiry, we have heard first-hand the detrimental impact of poor public transport access and connectivity on Western Sydney residents. The hearing on Friday will be an important opportunity for the committee to question the government on what action is being done to improve access to this essential service and reduce the region's dependence on cars."

Ms Faehrmann concluded: "We will be investigating the government's planning and delivery of critical public and active transport infrastructure projects that are intended to improve connectivity across Western Sydney. We will also examine whether the government's immediate and future plans for development in the region are supported by well-connected and accessible public transport options."

### Hearing details

The hearing will be held on **Friday 9 February 2024** from 10.00 am to 3.45 pm in the Performance Studio at the Campbelltown Arts Centre, Campbelltown.

The hearing will be open to the public, and live streamed on the NSW Parliament's website: <a href="https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Pages/webcasts.aspx">https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Pages/webcasts.aspx</a>. For more information about the inquiry, including further hearings, please visit the inquiry webpage.

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