

Considering the lag in infrastructure development compared to population growth, what are your immediate priorities for Western Sydney's transport network to mitigate this imbalance?

The Centre for Western Sydney's submission identifies several priorities for investment in Western Sydney's transport network, which will not only mitigate this imbalance, but also catalyse economic investment and urban development.

The construction of the River Rail link, connecting Kogarah with Bankstown, Parramatta and Epping, would link Western Sydney to itself and the rest of Sydney. Delivering this cross-cutting line would connect many of Sydney's rail and Metro lines, while supporting Parramatta's central role in both the region and the state's economy.

Connecting the Western Sydney Airport with the rest of the network must also be prioritised. Extensions to the north, with Northwest Metro at Tallawong or Schofields to link Sydney's north and to the south, via Leppington, are critical projects that would support areas that have experienced significant population growth and still lack mass transit infrastructure. Additionally, a connection to the West Metro at Westmead to link the airport to Parramatta should be considered to create a rapid transit link between the three cities.