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THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF SYDNEY'S NORTH-WEST SECTOR

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The first priority for Baulkham Hills Shire is the rail services. Has there been a rail link, there would be less traffic congestion on main roads such as Old northern Rd and Old Windsor Rd as some people can take train option . Especially, in the morning & evening peak hours it becomes more like car parks. I don't mind if it is heavy or metro but there needs to be one.

Secondly, during peak hours in particular, Hills Bus is too crowded and takes too much time for a driver to give every ticket to every single passenger. In general, there needs to be automated payment system for Hills Bus like people paying tolls on M2 motor way.

Thirdly, there is no integrated public transport payment system for Hills residents. I do believe Baulkham Hills Shire is the one of few local government area in Sydney that does not have this. Less convenient and more expensive. For example, I weekly pay \$30 for bus from Baulkham Hills to Parramatta and \$34 for train from Parramatta to Alexandria. I have to do this to commute to work in Alexandria. Furthermore, Bus to Parramatta just issue single ticket so I can't have discount taking buses to Parramatta. There is the another option for me, which is to get to work via city but this option comes more expensive.

In summary, there must be rail link and integrated automated public transport payment system in Hills District.