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THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF SYDNEY'S NORTH-WEST SECTOR

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Hi Rachel,

I have been a resident of the North West Sector (Castle Hill) for 17 years and have felt the real impact of our lack of public transport for most of that time.

I usually spend about 3 hours per day in the traffic, paying tolls, emitting carbon, growing old through stress and generally wasting a substantial part of my life.

I don't think that anyone could deny that the North West has been forgotten in terms of real commitment by government to actually provide alternatives to the car.

I have tried using the bus service on the M2 and found that more often than not there were no seats left and I had to stand the whole way to the city. This was not very fun and I went back to the car.

I am sad when I reflect on the all the promising made by the various governments that never materialized.

Do we really live in a society where all planning is incremental with no thought for the future. Is it really all about votes, pork barreling, NIMTOO (not in my term of office) and lip service. Is there no such thing as logical planning for the future ?

When the Rouse Hill regional development was planned and implemented in the early 1990's it seemed that no thought was given to transport planning. With the massive sub regional growth that occurred since then transport has become a critical issue for residents and the widening of Windsor road has not solved the problem but only temporarily prevented a grid lock.

Castle Hill, Rouse Hill and the Norwest Business Park are all potentially much larger employers than they are at present. Regional job creation and decentralization are no less than imperative for reducing carbon emissions and creating more energy efficient and livable cities. Can the powers that be not see that for Sydney to grow and become a leading world city it must immediately invest in critical infrastructure such as the North West Rail Link ?

I hope my comments will not fall on deaf ears. My views are consistent with thousands of other Hills residents who probably thought there was no point in making a submission as no-one ever listens.

If you have read this far, I sincerely thank you for your time.

regards,

Adrian Hemens