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THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF SYDNEY'S NORTH-WEST SECTOR

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I have lived in the Hills district, Castle Hill and now currently Glenhaven for over 20 years, in this time the struggle to get to the city has grown to an unbearable time frame up to 2 hours one way.

The area urgently needs a rail and at the very minimum heavy rail from Epping to Castle Hill which is only two stations would alleviate the disgusting bottlenecks on Castle Hill Rd and at Thompson's Corner, and would alleviate the Epping to Chatswood being labelled a 'White Elephant'. This would give commuters choice of stations for rail commuting and reduce traffic converging either at Beecroft or the M2 if you choose to drive. I believe that the western precinct of the North West would be best served by an extension of the Seven Hills line to Bella Vista than onto Kellyville if the costs are an issue, and the heavy metal rail could not be done from Epping to Rouse Hill.

The North west metro whilst sounded a good idea, the area and Suburbs taking our converging traffic cannot wait for a completion 2015 ++, we need it to start now, so heavy metal rail could be operating within a couple of years. I am a Consultant and are finding that I cannot get as much work due to commuting constraints.

Do not understand how we have been told we are getting a rail for many years and this has not been delivered.

Buses do not work as you are on the road in the same traffic as you are in a car, so this is why households choose to have two ++ cars as there is no alternative.

The green house effects from all commuters should be considered as well as the city of Sydney will never be a world class city without a rail to the Northwest. Overseas visitors have already observed this.