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THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF SYDNEY'S NORTH-WEST SECTOR

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As a Hills District resident and home owner at Kenthurst for the last 27 years I wish to add my voice of concern about the lack of adequate public transport in this area.

In the last 7 years the time to commute from my home to the city in peak hours using the Northern rail line from Pennant Hills station has increased by more than an hour to 3 ½ hours per day due to increased road congestion. This from a suburb which is only 30km from the CBD!

The bus service from either Round Corner or Castle Hill is overloaded at peak periods and traffic delays on the M2 and Castle Hill road invariably slow it to a crawl for long periods. Often it is standing room only for the 70+ minutes trip.

There are no non-peak bus services from Round Corner and as a result the only alternative is to travel by car to either Castle Hill or Pennant Hills station.

The cost of tolls for the M2, the Lane Cove Tunnel and the Harbour Bridge/Tunnel together with city parking charges make it financially impossible to commute to the city by car.

The two main roads in Kenthurst namely Annangrove Road and Pitt Town Road have become major arteries from the new suburbs of Kellyville, Rouse Hill etc. to the city resulting in road congestion and delays.

In summary, the existing roads and transport systems in the Hills District have become overloaded due to ongoing population growth.

In my opinion further road based solutions will not work and a mass transit system using rail needs to be implemented urgently.