

**Submission
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THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF SYDNEY'S NORTH-WEST SECTOR

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COMMENT ON THE RECENTLY AXED BUS LINK PROPOSAL FROM
CASTLEWOOD DRIVE, CASTLE HILL TO OAKES ROAD, CARLINGFORD.

I would like to see the NSW Government take over the implementation of this bus lane proposal which was recently knocked back by Baulkham Hills Shire Council. Residents along the proposed route mounted a successful campaign against the proposal, claiming safety and inconvenience issues. This is NIMBYism at its worst. The proposed bus lanes would only be in operation for 4 hours each weekday; ie 20 hours out of 168 hours per week. Safety issues could be overcome by having a 40kph speed limit for buses along the route.

I believe the proposal is an excellent idea and I fully endorse it. I see buses locked in traffic on Aitken Road every morning and I despair for the passengers who have paid their fare yet still have to sit in the traffic for long periods like everyone else. There is no incentive to catch a bus, some of which go all the way to the city.

If the state government were to take over the proposal, it could over-ride the Council's short-sighted decision and implement a sensible idea, costing only a moderate amount, which will undoubtedly increase bus patronage in this area. I look forward to it going ahead.

Peter Stuart