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THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF SYDNEY'S NORTH-WEST SECTOR

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Because of a vision impairment I can not drive so I use the Public Transport System A LOT, and have done for many years. I have lived here for 66 years. Here are a few recommendations I have on the matter.

Public Transport in the Hills and Western subs is generally very good. However I consider it could and should be improved.

The Railway Act should be amended to state that ALL toilets at ALL stations shall be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including days when trains are not running. It is the worst form of discrimination to punish ordinary people because of vandalism to toilets. At all change stations, including Parramatta and Hurstville, toilets should be on every platform.

Bus stops should be placed at frequent intervals, and most should be provided with seats and sheds. Bus Bays should be at as many stops as possible. These runs could be very busy in the years to come. Bus bays speed up the traffic.

The local government act should be amended to prevent councils from wasting road surfaces to malls, footpath dining, and bicycle paths, as the population is growing, and there are increasing numbers of disabled people who need to use buses cars and taxis.

The proposed bus link from Castlewood to West Pennant Hills Valley should be built as a 24 Hour Bus Corridor. I acknowledge this would reduce the amenity of this area but it would greatly improve thing for many thousands of commuters.

If the Hills is to have a train service, I believe heavy rail would be the best option and it should go all the way to link into the Richmond Line. The Line from Epping should be connected to Carlingford, duplicated and redirected to Parramatta. If there is to be a fast train to Penrith it should be in addition to and not ate the reduction of existing track.

The Local Governments should ensure that new developments should enable buses to go through them, and streest should be wide enough to allow for buses and parking. Nearly all back streets should be open for through traffic.

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