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

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Congratulations to Premier Nathan Rees for personally experiencing the frustration felt by many Sydney commuters at the inadequacy of public transport services. As a resident of the Hills District for more than 25 years I invite members of the Standing Committee to similarly experience traveling to and from the Hills District during peak commuting periods. This has never been an easy commute but the housing expansion around Kellyville and Rouse Hill have significantly worsened the situation. There are too few bus services, no local train services, insufficient parking at stations on the northern line and the tolls for drivers are extortionate. The inadequacy of public transport services forces many people to drive resulting in them paying more than \$80 per week in tolls on top of \$10000 or more per year for inner city parking. This is extremely expensive, more so than any other district of Sydney. It adds to the traffic chaos, creates undesirable levels of air pollution and causes immeasurable stress to those who battle the traffic each day. There has to be a better public transport system to equal those of other communities around Sydney.