

Submission
No 73

THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF SYDNEY'S NORTH-WEST SECTOR

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The Director,
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re – Submission North-West Sydney Transport Inquiry.

I live in Kellyville with my husband and baby daughter.

We are badly affected by –

1. A lack of connecting footpaths.
2. A lack of connecting cycle ways.
3. Inadequate Bus services.
4. Congested and narrow roads.
5. Expensive tolls.
6. Expensive bus fares.
7. No local railway facilities.
8. High petrol prices.

We have to maintain two cars so that we can commute to our jobs.

My husband works at St. Leonards and every day is faced with a difficult journey to work. Each day he is faced with an early start so he can get to work on time.

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Option 1. Drive using the M2 toll way a journey that can take between 1 and 2 hours one way.

Option 2. Catch the City bus to St.Leonards and back home which is 1 ½ hours each direction.

However, for the return journey home in the evening he often has to wait for over an hour at the bus stop at St. Leonards as all the buses coming from the City are full and therefore they don't stop to pick up passengers at St.Leonards. This means a journey home of approximately 2 ½ hours!

Some people have been forced to catch a train to the City in order to catch a bus home to the Hills.

Option 3. Drive to Hornsby Station (1 hour journey) and then catch the train to St.Leonards. All day parking is very limited at the station or in nearby streets.

Then return to Hornsby by train and drive back to Kellyville.

- The need for better transport options is vital.
- The proposal to build a train service would be a great alternative option for residents of the Hills.
- Tolls need to be subsidized as is done for users of the M4 & M5.
- Funds need to be provided for road upgrades and cycle ways and footpaths.
- Additional buses need to be put into service.

- Fares need to be more competitive or subsidized.

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Funds and infrastructure need to be invested in the Hills area as the population is growing rapidly.

I support the submission to the inquiry made by our local council – Baulkham Hills Shire Council.

I would appreciate my submission being taken into consideration during your inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Heather Sheiles,

12th October, 2008.