

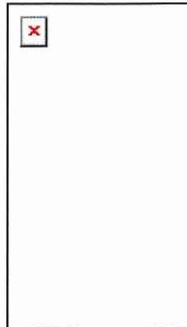
## **THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF SYDNEY'S NORTH-WEST SECTOR**

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Dear Committee Members

## HillsSIP

Re: Transport Needs of Sydney's North-West Sector

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**Funded by DEEWR & BVET to support the following Schools & Colleges**

Arden Anglican School  
Asquith Boys' HS  
Asquith Girls' HS  
Barker College  
Baulkham Hills HS  
Baulkham Hills TAFE  
Carlingford HS  
Castle Hill HS  
Cheltenham Girls' HS  
Cherrybrook Technology HS  
Clarke Rd Special School  
Crestwood HS  
Cumberland HS  
Galston HS  
Gilroy College  
Hills Adventist School  
Hornsby Girls' HS  
James Ruse Agricultural HS  
Karonga School  
Kellyville HS  
Kellyville Campus MET School  
Loreto Normanhurst  
Lorien Novalis School  
Marian College  
Model Farms HS  
Mount St Benedict College  
Muirfield HS  
Normanurst Boys' HS  
Northholm Grammar School  
Northmead HS  
Oakhill College  
Pacific Hills Christian School  
Pennant Hills HS  
Redeemer Baptist School  
Redfield College  
St Gabriel's School  
St Gregory's Armenian School  
St Leos  
Tallowood School  
Tangara School for Girls  
Tara Anglican School for Girls  
The Alice Betteridge School  
The Garfield Barwick School  
The Hills Grammar School  
The Hills Special School  
The Kings School  
Thomas Pattison School  
Warrah School  
William Clarke College

Hills Schools Industry Partnership is funded to provide career support programs for all young people aged 13-19 years in the Hills and Hornsby LGAs. In providing this support, we regularly face the issue of the lack of suitable transport services within our local area.

One of our programs requires us to arrange around 2000 mandatory work placement opportunities for Year 11 and 12 students studying a vocational subject for the HSC. This program is made possible by the willingness of local employers to supervise these students adapting skills learned at school to a real life situation. With the availability of employers in Castle Hill itself and neighbouring suburbs, Norwest Business Park, Victoria Rd Castle Hill and the Rouse Hill Centre it is unfortunate and frustrating that we have students unable to get to these venues in reasonable travel time. A perfect resource going to waste!

Many a student from Asquith Girls, Mount St Benedict or Marian College (to name only a few) has been denied an ideal learning experience because of the lack of connecting services. An even more difficult situation faces students needing a work placement in the Construction framework, as they are required to be on site at an early hour with little transport assistance. One student recently reported having to spend many hours and \$80 in fares over five days to fulfil his placement commitments.

This is just one example showing the impact that an integrated transport system would have on the young people living in North-West Sydney. It would ensure they have equal access to the opportunities that they deserve.

Regards

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