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INQUIRY INTO HEALTH IMPACTS OF AIR POLLUTION IN THE SYDNEY BASIN

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Summary

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The major polluter in the sydney basin is the motor vehicle. I am lucky enough to live in Paddington with one of the best bus services in Sydney and the ability to walk to work. However, many others are not so lucky.

The creation of new suburbs without any proper public transport has led to a big increase in car use with attendant increase in air pollution. Even in the case of existing public transport, many commuters have given up because of overcrowding & unreliability.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Make public transport free.
2. Re prioritize the current obsession with toll ways to a major commitment to new public transport (trains, buses & even light rail).

This will cost money of course & some Federal funding may be required.

The Olympics showed that public transport CAN work when the political will is there.

Here is another suggestion:

For one month, make ALL politicians & SES public servants catch public transport to & from work so they can see for themselves how problematic it is.

Thanking you,

Julie Walsh