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THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF SYDNEY'S NORTH-WEST SECTOR

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My husband and I have lived in the Hills district (Glenhaven) since 1983. In that time Hill's residents have been promised better, efficient public transport. However, the situation has not improved, but deteriorated. There is a bus stop at the end of my street. A bus could take me to Pennant Hills Station (to take a train e.g. into the city) in 40 minutes. The distance is 10 km. Outside peak hour the bus does not go direct, one has to transfer to another bus. This adds more time to the journey. The same applies for the bus to Castle Towers shopping centre. This is journey by car of approx. 8 minutes. By bus this is much longer and, again, one has to transfer to another bus outside peak hour. We would use public transport if there were any (mini) buses operating frequently. As for trains ... In the 80's a train from Pennant Hills Station took a lot less time to get to the city than it does now.

The Hills could be a good place to live if it were not for the woefully inadequate transport infrastructure. I thought that one of the purposes/objectives of the Census was to plan for, among others, transport infrastructure!