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

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Dear Dept.of Transport,

I would like to point out the acute lack of public transport available in this area.

The bus routes on the M2 motorway would be very convenient but these has been a problem of obtaining a seat at the Oakes Road bus stop and since the service extended to Rouse Hill it is quite possible that you may wait for over half an hour in peak times with all the buses passing straight through as they are full and when a bus eventually stops to collect passengers it is standing only.

I submit that the speed on the motorway and the absence of dedicated bus lanes means that at any time when another vehicle driver wishes to change lanes in front of the bus there is a grave risk of standing passengers being thrown forward and being injured.

Even in non peak times you cannot ever be sure of a seat and as we get older and try to curtail our travelling times to ensure a seat, as standing can pose a real health risk, we cannot be sure of a seat.

The rail service to Carlingford Railway Station has also been vastly downgraded, and then the Land and Environment Commission have allowed multiple storey dwellings to be built in close proximity.

If we then try to use the Hornsby Rail line there is very inadequate area for parking of cars near the railway.

I would suggest that this is a matter of urgency - working people have to endure a 40 minute stop start bus trip while standing before they start a days work and a repeat of an evening, and seniors cannot find a time during the day to travel when they can be assured of a seat. Surely a large increase in the number of buses commencing their journey part way along the route to cater for passengers at the last couple of stops, and a general increase in the number of buses and also a vast increase in the train service to Carlingford is a matter of great urgency.

Yours Faithfully,  
Beverley Garrard