

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

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Our family of 3 have only 1 car so regularly rely on the buses as both my children are full time uni students.

My daughter's bus to and from Macquarie Uni is fine. My son however attends University of NSW at Kensington, the only uni in Sydney that teaches Landscape Architecture.

His travel commitment is 4 hours a day (2 buses each way).

My 186cm tall son jams himself into the crowded 610X along with his heavy, bulky back pack; A2 sized portfolio case; and often a box containing a model he is constructing. On the days he needs to take his A1 sized portfolio case; more than 1 model; a larger model; or just needs an extra hour to finish a due assignment, I drive him to uni for the bargain basement price of \$22.10 in tolls.

We need our public transport to be reliable, frequent, reasonably priced, fast with space to move, and no need to change trains all the way to the city I don't see heavy rail or any bus service providing all that from Castle Hill.

Please, for all the future dedicated hard workers in the North West who are just trying to get ahead in life bring on the Metro.

Sincerely,

Wendy Baxter

(dedicated single parent, disability pensioner, home study student and new business proprietor who does not have the time, money or stress tolerance to be driving her son to university over the next 4 years the Metro won't help me, but it will help others with stories yet to be told most people in the North West have one).

Thank you for reading my submission.