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THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF SYDNEY'S NORTH-WEST SECTOR

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The Hon J A Gardiner MLC
Committee Chair
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
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Dear Ms Gardiner

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Re Inquiry into the transport needs of Sydney's North West sector

I am writing in response to a request for comments about the transport needs of Sydney's North West sector.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue as the development of appropriate transport infrastructure for the North-West sector is of interest to Western Sydney Institute.

Western Sydney Institute provides vocational education and training in the greater Western Sydney region through seven colleges comprised of 9 campus locations. Colleges of the Institute average a total of over 46,000 enrolments a year.

The Baulkham Hills College has two campuses located in the North-West Sector and provides services to the people of this fast growing region. Classes typically operate between 8am and 9pm.

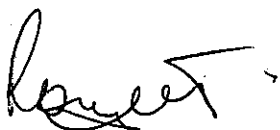
The Baulkham Hills campus located at 146 -160 Old Northern Road, Baulkham Hills has an average annual enrolment of over 4,000 students and provides quality delivery of qualifications and customised learning for its growing population and business centres.

From 2009, the Castle Hill campus of Baulkham Hills College at the corner of Showground and Green Roads, Castle Hill, will be undergoing a rapid expansion. This will cater for additional delivery of vocational education and training programs for an initial cohort of over 1,000 students per annum. The Campus will have a staff of more than 50 people, and student enrolments and staff numbers are expected to grow as demand from the North-West Sector increases. By 2015 we expect this will be around 3000 enrolments per year.

The proposed transport links and stops close to the Castle Hill campus are strongly supported by Western Sydney Institute as they will assist the 30-40% of our students, who rely on public transport to access the College.

Once again I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this issue.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Wright', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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