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INQUIRY INTO SYDENHAM-BANKSTOWN LINE CONVERSION

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I am sure you can see the irony of launching an inquiry in the Sydenham to Bankstown Line Metro Conversion, the day before almost the entire Sydney network descended into utter chaos, due to a broken hatch on a single train. Even though the impacted train was not on the Bankstown line I still found my normally 35 min each way commute blew out to 1.5 hours in the morning and 1hr 45min in the evening.

Like most travellers impacted, it seems unbelievable to me that one single train on a different line could have not only delayed my train journey, but have still been impacting my travel 12 hours later.

We desperately need to upgrade the Sydney rail network. If we had the Metro to Bankstown there would have been no impact from this incidence to our line.

We are many years already into a decade long project. The Bankstown Line is rapidly approaching redundancy and there has been extensive community consultation, yet someone still feels the need to launch a parliamentary inquiry. I and my neighbours have already given our feedback in support of the Metro several times.

Why are the Greens and Left-wing factions determined to not listen to the people of Canterbury-Bankstown? I can't help but feel this constant objecting and raising of obstacles is vexatious politics, driven by self interest. The Canterbury-Bankstown area has been neglected too long. These forces against the Metro want to keep our community underprivileged, underserved by infrastructure and limit employment and education opportunities.

Give us the Metro and give this community a chance to be the best it can be.