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INQUIRY INTO SYDENHAM-BANKSTOWN LINE CONVERSION

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The business case for replacing the Bankstown line with the Metro has been contradicted by multiple experts and is not convincing. The money would be better spent improving signalling across the network and providing public transport to areas that are not yet serviced.

When billions in public money is spent on a project, the business case should be released to the public along with the contractual arrangements.

The Metro system is not really suitable for this line as the reduced seating capacity is not suitable for the distances along this route.

There are significant safety concerns too: 1 evacuations in the narrow tunnels and 2 elderly people and parents with prams and small children getting in and out before the doors close within 30 seconds.

The lack of guards and the automated system has caused at least 10 cases of children and parents being separated on the North-West metro to date.

Instead of inflicting the Metro on an already working line upgrade all stations along the line for accessibility without a metro conversion.