

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO SYDENHAM-BANKSTOWN LINE CONVERSION

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Submission re amendments to the T3 Bankstown Line

Dear Committee Members.

We are long-term residents of Dulwich Hill, we've lived in this area since 1988.

We are very concerned about the government's proposed changes to the T3 Bankstown Line.

Firstly, these changes have been cloaked in secrecy. We have not been privy to the costings, information and justifications for the proposed changes have not been made public.

Secondly, we, as tax-paying regularly-commuting citizens, have not been consulted on these proposed changes. A few glossy pamphlets handed out at the station does not equal consultation.

Thirdly, the current Bankstown-Sydenham line has a number of heritage stations on it (Hurlstone Park, Dulwich Hill for example) and it is our understanding these stations will be 'modified' (that is demolished) to suit the new proposed metro service. Like the rest of the haphazard and often inappropriate development that has been approved in these areas, it seems that the government is keen to raze our heritage and hand development over to the highest bidder. Not good enough.

Further, replacing the T3 with a metro service, a service that is driverless and designed to have far fewer seats, is truly a downgrading of the existing service. Recently a number of new trains have been running on the line - double-decker trains that can accommodate large volumes of commuters. More of these trains should be purchased, drivers and guards should keep their jobs, and our heritage stations should be maintained.

We urge the Committee Members to endorse an upgrade of the current T3 line allowing for more trains more often. We are aware that commuters further west will be even more impacted by this proposed metro change.

Committee Members, we do not need our T3 line to be downgraded, we need the current services enhanced, and the rampant over-development of this area curbed.

Sincerely

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