

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO SYDENHAM-BANKSTOWN LINE CONVERSION

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There is nothing about the conversion of the T3 from heavy to light rail that makes any sense in terms of improving public transport infrastructure. To replace something that already exists simply directs funds away from creating more rail transport in suburbs which currently have none. While I could object to the replacement of the line on the basis of its perceived consequences, particularly in terms of over-development, my main objection is based on the reality of commuters losing direct access to two stations. The first is Redfern and the second is Circular Quay, both of which provide access to important institutions. While of course it is possible to change to heavy rail at Sydenham or Central, in my view this is a down-grading of the service which is currently on offer; I will have exchanged direct access for something less convenient and my travelling time to these places will be lengthened. I have attended information sessions and read the material available and there is nothing that convinces me that this conversion is an improvement for commuters along the T3 line. I also object to the continued privatisation of services that are a government responsibility. Experience of this process has only proved that too often this does not offer improved services for the tax payer.