

**INQUIRY INTO SYDENHAM-BANKSTOWN LINE
CONVERSION**

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.The travel time from Chester Hill to Strathfield has more than doubled and requires changing trains two times since a direct train route to Strathfield has ceased. The journey previously took less than 20 minutes. Now it's at least 40 minutes. This makes journeys slow and inconvenient. Chester Hill needs a direct public transport option available to get to Strathfield as Strathfield is a major junction for transport to allow access to schools, shopping areas, businesses and places of employment. The T3 line needs to be restored.

The current rail route from Chester Hill to the city through Bankstown will become more inconvenient with the need to change trains twice- at Bankstown and at Sydenham with the proposed Metro.

It is important not to neglect the commuters from Chester Hill and surrounding areas. It seems unfair that so many train changes are required, and travel times are slower from this area compared to travel times from more outlying areas. We need quicker travel times and less train changes.