

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO SYDENHAM-BANKSTOWN LINE CONVERSION

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Sydenham - Bankstown Line Conversion Enquiry
Portfolio Committee No 6 - Transport and Customer Service
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From Steve Longhurst

Dear Portfolio Committee No 6 - Transport and Customer Service

SYDENHAM - BANKSTOWN LINE CONVERSION ENQUIRY

I strongly oppose the conversion of the Sydenham to Bankstown Train Line to a Metro Line particularly for the reason that it is an enormous waste of money. The money for conversion should be used to provide a train line in areas where none exists.

The existing Line functions very well, and has been improved over the years at a cost of many millions of dollars to ensure that it is kept up to date and is fit for purpose. This injection of money will be wasted.

Whilst the existing Line has some shortcomings such as the lack of disabled access at some stations and overcrowding at times, more cost effective and less disruptive alternatives have been ignored, including signalling upgrades that deliver a higher frequency of service compared to the Metro.

The Government still has the "Stadiumitis" bug, where money is wasted on huge projects where the business case simply does not stack up. Use the money where it is needed !

I have also made a submission using the "Save T3" document.

Yours faithfully

STEVE LONGHURST