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## **INQUIRY INTO SYDENHAM-BANKSTOWN LINE CONVERSION**

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Sydenham- Bankstown Line Conversion Inquiry

Dear Sirs/ Madams,

I am a resident of Bankstown area for almost 30 years, who does not belong to any political party but caring about the comfort of my community including myself.

It is clear that the downgrading of longtime serving double-deck trains of our Bankstown-City line to 70% less seats metro line will let most of my community commuters being forced to stand.

We are going to lose direct connection to City Circle (Town Hall, Wynyard, Circular Quay, St James, and Museum) which a lot of us using them in daily bases for work.

It is not fair for some stations west of Bankstown will lose direct trains to the City.

I hope that the cost of this project being directed to make such metro along Hume Highway connecting areas without good public transport as Chullora , Greenacre, Bass Hill or other areas in Sydney metropolitan.

Simply I find it is illogic to replace a reliable strong railway with such weak metro with such high cost even without considering the burden and suffering of all of us during this time of the so called upgrade while in fact downgrade for a service other areas are in need of it.

Thanking you all for your time in reviewing and considering the demand of hundreds of thousands citizens

Kind regards

Yours Faithfully,

Dr. Safwat Riad