

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO SYDENHAM-BANKSTOWN LINE CONVERSION

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Metro Trains on the Bankstown Train line

I have done some calculations which I wanted to bring to your attention:-

Currently in Peak hour we have 10 trains an hour on the Bankstown line to the city with 9,000 seated and 3,310 standing for a capacity of 12,310 per hour. Based on Waratah Trains.

The Sydney Metro are promoting 15 trains per hour with 6 car sets which will have 5,670 seating and (6,700 standing packed; 10,800 Japanese crush capacity with pushers). Therefore normal packed capacity 12,400 per hour or 1,000 less than our current capacity. This when the government wants to add over 34,000 homes to the Sydenham to Bankstown rail corridor.

In off peak we currently have 4 trains per hour with a capacity of 6,204 compared to 6 trains per hour every 10 mins stated in Metro brochure (5,560 Packed capacity or 6,600 Japanese crush capacity) approx. 600 less capacity in off peak than we have now.

Also existing rail users past Bankstown will need to catch 3 trains to the city extending their train travel time. We know what happened to people living at Chester Hill, Sefton with the Lidcombe turnback. With the turnback some peoples train trip went from 20 minutes to over 1 hour and having to catch 4 trains to get to school or work eg on the Inner West line.

Surely we should stop this Metro madness and waste now (Approx \$10 Billion). If we have to have a separate line it should be integrated into the existing network with double deck trains. Not be building tunnels that are 50 cm to short to be ever be converted to Double Deck operation.

I would love to talk to you or one of your staff about this.

Regards

Wayne Godfrey

Concerned Train Traveller

PS I went to the Royal Easter show where they had a full size mock up of the Metro train to verify the capacity v's Crush Japanese Push Capacity mentioned in my details above.

Also From a safety stand point in peak hour on the Metro we will have 4,200 less seats for commuters to the city with the majority of people standing with a much higher risk of falls etc.

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Also:-

The Metro System Environmental overview statement just released on page 8 had the following statement:-



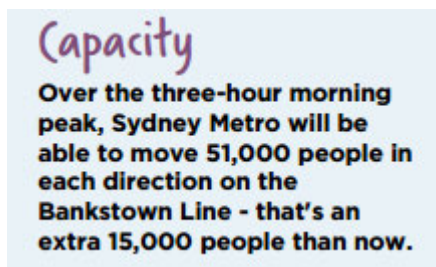
Seating

In the three-hour morning peak, Sydney Metro will deliver more than 17,000 seats on 45 services from Bankstown to the city.

More than **17,000** seats

As above in the existing timetable we over 9,000 seats per hour or 27,000 in the three hour morning peak. **With the new Metro system we will have just on 17,000 seats or 10,000 under what we do now.**

Also on page 8 is:-



Capacity

Over the three-hour morning peak, Sydney Metro will be able to move 51,000 people in each direction on the Bankstown Line - that's an extra 15,000 people than now.

Again comparing to our capacity with the existing timetable will be just over 40,000. However the 51,000 is based on crush capacity the actual capacity is 37,000 per 3 hour period