

**Submission
No 87**

INQUIRY INTO SYDENHAM-BANKSTOWN LINE CONVERSION

Organisation: Locals for Metro Southwest

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Locals for Metro Southwest (LMS <http://www.localsformetrosw.org/>) stand for delivery of the Metro Southwest and represent over 6,000 signatories of support in the local area. The LMS asks that its position of support and community buy in are recognized by all levels of government.

The community wants the Metro

1. Locals for Metro Southwest provides the opportunity for all members of the community to learn about the Metro and give their feedback and idea on the Metro.
2. The Metro Southwest gives the residents of Canterbury-Bankstown the opportunity to benefit from the Government's long-term transport strategy, ensuring our community participates in the state's infrastructure boom and allowing our residents to stay connected and benefit from the Greater Sydney Commission's 30-minute city vision.
3. City of Canterbury-Bankstown Council, Mayor Khal Asfour:
"The community voted that they wanted a Metro, otherwise things would have been different" 1st April 2019
4. In the Canterbury-Bankstown Interim Engagement Report as part of the Connective City 2036, local residents identified more frequent services as the most important factor in using more public transport (57%, page 45).

The Metro will benefit public transport users in the precinct

5. The Metro is a modern, frequent and safe rail service
6. Stations from Sydenham to Bankstown will receive significant upgrading, public domain improvements and provision of disabled access
7. The Metro's 'Turn up and go' public transport that doesn't require timetable
8. The Metro's level platforms and doors making it easier to alight and embark the train
9. The Metro's high frequency will increase passenger line capacity

Consultation has taken place and impacted the outcome

10. The Sydney Metro Authority and State Government also conducted an exhaustive community consultation process, and we are happy with the subsequent changes made which will protect the character of our local stations and minimise closures.
11. The Submissions Report identified overwhelming support for the Metro Southwest Preferred Infrastructure Project, as below:
 - a. "61 submissions supported the preferred project and eight submissions objected to the preferred project" (community wants it)
 - b. There were significant changes made in regards to maintaining the character of the stations and in shutdowns, showing that Sydney Metro consulted with and listened to community
 - c. [https://www.sydneymetro.info/sites/default/files/document-library/Sydenham to Bankstown Submissions Report.pdf](https://www.sydneymetro.info/sites/default/files/document-library/Sydenham%20to%20Bankstown%20Submissions%20Report.pdf)

The Metro Southwest sits within a broader and state significant transport plan

12. Greater Sydney Commission
 - d. The GSC plans identify Metro Southwest as a key part of the city's 40 year infrastructure and transport plan
13. Australian National Outlook 2019

- e. <https://www.csiro.au/en/Showcase/ANO> published by CSIRO identifies investment in transportation infrastructure and associated urban renewal as a critical factor for the long term success of our nation:
- f. “An URBAN shift will enable well-connected, affordable cities that offer more equal access to quality jobs, lifestyle amenities, education and other services.
- g. Plan for higher-density, multicentre and well-connected capital cities to reduce urban sprawl and congestion.
- h. Create mixed land use zones with diverse high-quality housing options to bring people closer to jobs, services and amenities.
- i. Invest in transportation infrastructure, including mass-transit, autonomous vehicles and active transit, such as walking and cycling.”

The Metro is a popular transport option

- 14. The successful opening of the Metro North West Line demonstrates that the Metro is a popular and appropriate transport option, and is a live example of strong commuter usage and patronage uptake of the metro.
- 15. Refer to the SMH article and Transport data that shows a month on month comparison of 2018 trains patronage vs 2019 Metro patronage for the months of June and July 2019. It is undeniable that the Metro North West Line is transporting up to 19% more patrons on a month to month comparison.
 - j. *“Patronage at Chatswood and Epping stations, which serve as interchanges for commuters, surged by 18 per cent in July, from the same month a year earlier, the statistics from Sydney Trains show.”*
 - k. *“Stations between the two interchanges, such as Macquarie Park and North Ryde, also had growth of 17 to 19 per cent in the number of commuters passing through in July, compared with the same month a year earlier when double-deck trains were operating.”*
 - l. <https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/commuters-pour-onto-sydney-s-new-driverless-trains-figures-show-20190809-p52fmx.html>
 - m. <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/data-and-research/passenger-travel/metro-patronage>