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INQUIRY INTO NEW SOUTH WALES LIGHT RAIL SERVICES

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SUBMISSION

This submission is lodged with the NSW Legislative Council Committee of Inquiry into New South Wales light rail services, having a closing date for submissions of 31 March 2022.

MOORE PARK LIGHT RAIL STATION

Over the past eighteen months I have lodged numerous complaints, to the Minister for Transport, to Members of Parliament and to Transport for NSW, about two aspects of the design and/or construction of the Moore Park Light Rail Station. Multiple assurances have been received in response, assuring me that my complaints would be addressed, but almost nothing has been done.

1 – THE LIFTS

The overhead pedestrian bridge has two lifts. One or other is frequently out of service, and remains so for days on end. I use the lifts about twice a week and have been personally inconvenienced by their failure on a number of occasions. The most recent occurrence was for two days on 16 & 17 February 2022. I have witnessed children from the adjacent Sydney High School having been “stuck” in one of the lifts between floors.

The lifts are relatively new, having been installed for the opening of the Eastern Suburbs Light Rail service just two years ago. There can be no excuse for their continuing failure. No person or body appears to be accountable for ensuring the long-term reliability of the lifts.

2 – PONDING OF RAINWATER ON STAIRS

This has also been a subject of my frequent complaints to many addresses, but absolutely nothing has been done to rectify the problem.

Each of the three stairways to the overhead pedestrian bridge has a number of steps and landings. The leading edge of each step and landing is fitted with a rubberised “nosing” strip. The strip is about 5mm high, and retains a pond of rainwater, 5mm deep, on every stair and landing after even the lightest rain shower. Every person using the stairs must paddle through these multiple ponds.

Again, nothing has been done to rectify this inferior design, despite promises having been made by various authorities.

In both of the above cases there appears to have been a major breakdown in the administration of Government contracts. Nobody appears to be accountable.

I trust the Committee can find a resolution.

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