

Sustainable transport for Sydney

The Premier
The Hon. Nathan Rees, MP
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
Sydney NSW 2000



Dear Premier,

Light Rail extension to Dulwich Hill and East Balmain

I wish to express my strong support for extension of the current light rail service from Lilyfield to Dulwich Hill, using the disused Rozelle freight rail line, with complementary infrastructure for cyclists and walkers along the GreenWay corridor. I also believe the light rail service should be extended to East Balmain using the existing freight line.

I am concerned that, despite a groundswell of public support and the backing of local government, the obvious merits of these proposed extensions have not so far been given due consideration by your government. Residents of the densely populated Inner West have had to cope with increasingly overcrowded bus services operating well above capacity during peak periods and high levels of car traffic on roads that were not designed for today’s traffic volumes. At very little cost the extensions will greatly boost public transport capacity and provide much-needed relief to congested roads and bus services.

The Dulwich Hill extension will create a crucial rail-based cross-city service through the Inner West, linking Glebe, Annandale and Rozelle with Leichhardt, Haberfield, Summer Hill, Lewisham, Dulwich Hill, and the CBD. For commuters travelling to important Western Sydney centres such as Liverpool and Parramatta, it will provide handy connections to the CityRail network at Lewisham and Dulwich Hill stations. A White Bay extension would serve both the wharves and the Balmain Peninsula.

For these reasons, I believe the government should fast-track a design consultation with councils, community groups, the light rail operator, RailCorp and other relevant government authorities, to finalise design details for the light rail extensions within a GreenWay corridor.

Please reply to advise me that you will proceed with these projects immediately.

Yours sincerely,

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