



WESTERN SYDNEY RAIL ALLIANCE

Building the 'Missing Link' in Sydney's Transport Network

New Rail Line just the ticket for Sydney's West

The Western Sydney Rail Alliance (WSRA) has welcomed the announcement the Federal and State Government have committed to a North-South Rail line and will deliver the first stage from St Marys to Badgerys Creek Aerotropolis via Western Sydney Airport in time for the opening of the airport. A joint Scoping Study into the region's rail needs has recommended a north-south line that would transform the region with new jobs and better access in Sydney's fastest-growing corridor.

The recommended North-South Rail line runs from Rouse Hill in the north to Campbelltown-Macarthur in the south, via Western Sydney Airport and with Liverpool connected via an extension of the Leppington line. Research by the Alliance shows this critical infrastructure would support more than 350,000 additional homes and 150,000 new jobs

WSRA spokesperson Mr John Vassallo said that the announcement was good news for the families of Western Sydney.

"It is exciting that all levels of government are considering the bigger picture for Western Sydney and to have a commitment to build the first stage of a North-South Rail line in time for the airport opening is historic.

"This infrastructure will connect our communities with the new Western Sydney Airport and Western Sydney Employment Area and give current and future residents unprecedented access to the public transport network.

"It will provide easier, faster access to local jobs, schools, health services and the new airport hub.

"The improved connectivity in Western Sydney will turbocharge what is already one of Australia's fastest growing economies, create local jobs and increase housing availability and affordability.

"With the Western Sydney Airport as the hub, we have the opportunity to link the four key growth centres of Penrith, Liverpool, Campbelltown and Camden with a modern rail system that will fundamentally transform the region," Mr Vassallo said.

Figures previously released by WSRA show that a north-south passenger rail network could add more than 350,000 new homes and almost 120,000 new jobs to the region. These numbers, calculated by planning consultants Urbis, boost previous growth predictions for Western Sydney as one of the fastest growing regions, economies and populations in Australia.

"A North-South Rail line will fast track this growth and deliver immense benefit to the communities," Mr Vassallo said.

"These growth figures are proof that a North-South Rail line will boost the state's economy, create jobs for locals, and increase housing availability and affordability in the most important economic zone in Australia."



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WSRA is a collaboration between Liverpool, Campbelltown and Penrith councils as well as the region's major landowners - Celestino, Ingham Property Group, University of Sydney, Sydney Business Park, Greenfields Development Company, Medich Corporation and Twin Creeks Golf & Country Club.

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