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INDEPENDENT INQUIRY ENDORSES NORTHERN TRANSPORT NEEDS

Today's release of the "Christie report" into Sydney Public Transport provides independent verification that public transport in the Northern Sydney region is economically justified and critical to improving Sydney.

"The inquiry has independently recognised our key priorities for public transport which are the North West Rail Link and the completion of the Epping to Parramatta Rail line" said Hornsby Mayor Nick Berman and President of NSROC (Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils).

NSROC, which represents seven northern Sydney Councils – Hornsby, Hunter's Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, North Sydney, Ryde and Willoughby – has been strongly advocating for the reactivation of these infrastructure projects which have been dumped by the current State government.

The independent inquiry is extensive - ranging from community surveys to complex financial analysis, and it proposes a variety of funding options and governance structures. NSROC Councils will consider these in detail and consult with its constituents about their views.

Mayor Berman added *"The lack of public transport infrastructure in the fast-growing North-west sector is having an increasingly negative impact on all of Sydney and we welcome better plans and analysis that recognize this. However our key focus is getting action on the ground – our communities deserve it."*

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