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**14 YEARS TO WAIT:
NO PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH WEST UNTIL 2024**

The NSW Government appears to be finally listening to what Sydneysiders and transport experts have been saying. The dumping of the Metro and reinstating of the North West rail link have been key proposals for the North West advocated by 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 argued that public transport in the Northern Sydney region is economically justified and critical to improving Sydney.

However on closer examination the reality of the NSW Government's "Metropolitan Transport Plan" for the Northern Sydney region is a long wait with the North West rail link not due to start construction until 2017.

Furthermore the Epping to Parramatta Rail Link has been dropped completely. This is a critical connecting route between the job and growth areas of Western Sydney and Northern Sydney.

The Government's plan has pushed the North West link back to start construction in 2017 and finish in 2024, while the independent Christie Inquiry said this was a number one priority and should start immediately.

"The NSW Government's Metropolitan Transport Plan looks great on paper but until there is any real action it is pretty worthless", said NSROC President and Mayor of Hornsby Nick Berman

"Another fourteen years waiting for decent public transport for one of the fastest growing regions in Sydney is a big ask."

"In the meantime there will be more cars on the road, more congestion and more damage to business productivity and community life."

"Given the pace that the failed CBD Metro was instigated, it is clear that action can be taken on projects at a much faster rate when there is a genuine desire to do so."

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