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No links, no funds, no genuine plan for the North Shore

The Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) has made its submission to both the NSW Government's draft Metropolitan Transport Plan and the Metropolitan Strategy five year review, "Sydney Towards 2036".

The State Government's plans outline anticipated population growth for Sydney and proposed transport projects. The NSROC submission criticises the NSW Government's failure to link the two plans with its existing State Infrastructure Strategy and the State Plan. This gap means there is no clarity about where funding will come from and how delivery will be achieved.

While there are some welcome re-announcements of projects important to the northern Sydney region such as the North West Rail link, it is simply a promise with no funding source identified and delivery timeframes of 15 years away which is unacceptable, said NSROC President and Hornsby Mayor Nick Berman.

NSROC member councils, which include North Sydney, Willoughby, Ku-ring-gai, Ryde, Hornsby, Hunters Hill and Lane Cove, also continue to raise concerns about failure of the State Government to match transport projects with population projections and land release roll outs. As Mayor Berman explains:

Councils are doing their bit by planning for growth and adjusting zoning and local plans, but State Government is not matching our efforts with adequate transport improvements.

We can absorb population growth and locate extra housing on transport corridors but Sydney won't work when the roads are gridlocked, the trains are full, and the buses are going slower in ten years time.

The State Government's inaction is causing real damage to communities and businesses across the whole of Sydney and the NSW Government's plans are not acknowledging it, let alone trying to fix it."

To view the NSROC submissions go to www.nsroc.org.

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