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"Build It Now"

North Shore Councils join North West Rail community campaign

NSROC President and Mayor of Hornsby, Nick Berman, has added his voice to the chorus to "Build It Now" and met with Mayor of The Hills Shire, Peter Dimbrowsky, last week to confirm his support.

Last week saw the release of the Independent Public Inquiry into a Long-Term Public Transport Plan for Sydney, which recognises the urgent need for a North West Rail link and the completion of the Epping to Parramatta Rail Line.

"NSROC Councils, which include Hornsby, Hunter's Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, North Sydney, Ryde and Willoughby, see the North West Rail link as critical to the future viability of the north shore and we fully support the Build It Now campaign," Mayor Berman said.

"Over 60 per cent of workers travel from the Hills to other areas of Sydney to work each day. Many are coming to or travelling through the North Shore. Similarly, many people from Sydney's North travel to the Hills daily. With road travel being the only option for workers, congestion and negative costs to business and the community continues to escalate."

Mayor of The Hills Shire, Peter Dimbrowsky, said that it is "absolutely necessary" for the State Government to review key infrastructure plans including North West Rail before it is too late.

"The re-announcement of the North West Rail certainly was a win for the Hills," Mayor Dimbrowsky said. "But the message that the Government needs to act on is to "Build It Now". Our population will have increased by well over 4,000 people in the next six years alone. We need rail to support all these extra residents and the job growth that will accompany them."

Mayor Dimbrowsky said he welcomes the support of NSROC and hopes that support for "Build It Now" can help to fast-track rail and get work started in two years - not in 10 years.

The "Build It Now" campaign is gathering momentum, please join our Facebook page by running a search for "Build It Now" and show your support.

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