



**Restore Inner West Line**  
Community Action Group

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **FURTHER CUTS TO LIDCOMBE TRAINS REPREHENSIBLE**

The State Government's train changes starting on 30 September 2018 is a renewed attack on Western Sydney. The upcoming Sydney Trains timetable will see further reductions in T1 Western Line trains stopping at Lidcombe between 6am and 10pm.

The consequences from the removal of 52 Western Line trains between Richmond and Central servicing Lidcombe everyday increases pressure on numerous other stations across the network. Overcrowding will undoubtedly worsen at Blacktown, Seven Hills, Parramatta and Strathfield as commuters will be forced to catch multiple trains to reach Lidcombe and Olympic Park or Bankstown.

Long suffering commuters from November 2017's timetable cuts including the removal of 105 Western Line (express) services from Lidcombe to the City during the weekday peak hours and increased travel times from 22 minutes to 33 minutes, should expect increased congestion at the station and on trains.

The introduction of crowd controllers at Lidcombe since November demonstrates that not only has the recent timetable's Western Line cuts been a disaster but that further cuts will only worsen the crisis.

The risk of injury is rising at Lidcombe with an increasing number of commuters forced to interchange.

The removal of Liverpool via Regents Park and Central to Olympic Park services in addition to the termination of the T3 Bankstown Line at Lidcombe has placed the station under enormous stress over the past 5 years.

Sydney Metro will also see the alienation of 9 stations between Berala – Carramar – Yagoona from the rest of the Sydney Trains network. The removal of all direct City trains for these stations has already led to warnings from former CityRail executives [John Brew, Ron Christie, Bob O'Loughlin and Dick Day](#) of an additional 19,000 commuters forced to interchange including many at Lidcombe station.

#### **Quotes attributable to Restore Inner West Line spokesman Roydon Ng**

"Lidcombe needs more express trains on the Western Line to reduce overcrowding."

"Sydney Metro takes away direct trains to the City from 9 stations west of Bankstown forcing 19,000 commuters to interchange."

"The government is clearly vengeful against the Western Sydney community with its decision to cut 260 express trains stopping at Lidcombe each week"

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