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Dear Mr Ng

Thank you for your correspondence to the Minister for Transport and Roads about Yagoona Station and the Sydney Metro City & Southwest project. As you may appreciate, the Minister receives thousands of items of correspondence each year. Transport for NSW is therefore responding to you directly.

Sydney Metro is Australia's first fully automated railway and is a standalone rail network that will revolutionise the way Sydney travels. As you are aware, services on Stage 1 of the network started on 26 May 2019 between Rouse Hill and Chatswood. In the peak hours there is a train every four minutes in each direction. The Metro North West Line services 13 stations and is supported by 4,000 commuter car parking spaces and new and improved local and improved bus services.

Construction is already well underway to build Stage 2 of the network – Sydney Metro City and Southwest – linking Chatswood to the Sydney CBD via a second harbour tunnel and then to Sydenham and Bankstown. Stage 2 of the network will open to customers in 2024. Construction has also commenced on Sydney Metro West, which will connect Greater Parramatta to the Sydney CBD in around 20 minutes.

Planning is also well underway to deliver:

- Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport, which will connect the new Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport to Greater Western Sydney, with construction due to commence before the end of this year;
- a new metro line from Westmead to Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport;
- a new metro line from Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport to Macarthur; and
- an extension of Sydney Metro City and Southwest from Bankstown to Liverpool.

Sydney Metro is transforming how Sydneysiders get around their city, with its high frequency turn up and go services which are also taking cars off the roads. There will be a metro train at least every four minutes in each direction at peak times at full operational mode, with ultimate capacity to run every two minutes each way under the centre of Sydney.

As noted above, Transport for NSW has started early planning for the extension of Sydney Metro City and Southwest between Bankstown and Liverpool. This process will test the feasibility of a metro extension against alternatives such as trackless trams and rapid buses.

Yagoona Station does not have a role in the Sydney Metro City and Southwest project. The long-term role of Yagoona Station will be investigated through future network and corridor investigations, such as a potential mass transit link between Kogarah and Parramatta via Yagoona. This concept will be subject to investigations in the 10-20 year timeframe.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry McSweeney', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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