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## **ACTION ON NORTHERN SYDNEY TRANSPORT THROUGH INDEPENDENT INQUIRY**

The President of the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC), Mayor Pat Reilly of Willoughby Council, gave full NSROC support to the Independent Inquiry established by the Sydney Morning Herald, to examine and force action on transport needs of Northern Sydney.

*“North and north western Sydney transport has been blatantly ignored by the State Government despite high growth area need”* said Councillor Reilly.

The Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC), consisting of Councils of Hornsby, Hunter's Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, North Sydney, Ryde and Willoughby, has already been looking at alternative proposals such as Dr Glazebrook's public transport plan featured by the Herald.

At its recent Annual Conference on 6 August, NSROC resolved that the State Government's three proposed, then cancelled, rail extensions to outer Sydney regions - the Northwest and Southwest Rail Links and the Epping to Parramatta Rail Link must be reactivated and the CBD Metro to Rozelle cancelled.

*“The State Government fails to recognise that poor transport in the Northern Sydney Region has a very broad impact - half the people who work in the CBDs of North Sydney, Ryde and Chatswood travel daily from areas such as Blacktown, Parramatta and the Central Coast”* said NSROC Vice President and Mayor of Hunter's Hill, Councillor Susan Hoopmann.

NSROC will be promoting these views to the Independent Inquiry, which is Chaired by former 2000 Olympics transport chief, Mr Ron Christie. NSROC will also be supporting the Inquiry's consultation and encourages everyone concerned about these issues to actively participate.

*Our local councils recognise the importance of a functioning transport system to economic recovery and job sustainability for all Sydney residents. We will continue to argue for the best proposal and not an electorate based solution that fits the State Government's political needs”* said NSROC Vice President and Mayor of Lane Cove Council, Councillor Ian Longbottom.

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