



Australian Government

**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Cities and Regional Development**

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To: Dr Steven Kennedy PSM, Secretary (for noting)

cc: Mr Luke Yeaman, Deputy Secretary

cc: Mr Richard Wood, Executive Director, Cities Division

cc: Mr Greg Whalen, A/g Executive Director, Western Sydney Unit

MEETING: Meeting with Christopher Brown on Central Sydney City Deal

Timing: for meeting at 11am on Thursday 25 July 2019

Venue: Executive Boardroom, Level 6, 111 Alinga Street

Recommendations:
<p>1. That you Note the Department's advice and background information for the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Noted / Please Discuss</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Date:</p> <p>Dr Steven Kennedy PSM, Secretary</p> <p>Comments:</p>

Meeting with: Christopher Brown AM, Chair, Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue (WSLD)

Prior meetings: Luke Yeaman and Kerry Vine-Camp met with Mr Brown on 5 April 2019. Discussion focussed on a range of matters related to Western Sydney, including a brief discussion on the idea of a Central Sydney City Deal.

What do the attendees want:

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- a. In particular, Mr Brown may advocate for Australian Government funding for Sydney Metro West (see background at **Attachment B**) to be included in a Central Sydney City Deal.

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Key Points:

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2. In summary, the key focus areas of the proposed Central Sydney Deal are:

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- b. improving transport (focus on Sydney Metro West funding and increasing north-south connectivity) and digital connectivity;

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Sensitive and Critical Information:

Sydney Metro West

- 1. The Australian Government has not committed funding to Sydney Metro West. The NSW Government included \$6.4 billion in its 2019-20 Budget for construction of the project.

2. If asked about Sydney Metro West, suggested talking points are:
 - a. Funding for Sydney Metro West is a decision for Government.
 - b. The Australian and NSW governments are continuing to work together to deliver high priority projects across NSW.
 - c. Australian Government funding for Sydney Metro Greater West was identified as a key part of the Western Sydney City Deal, signed by all three levels of government.
 - d. The Australian Government provided \$1.7 billion through the Asset Recycling Initiative for the construction of Sydney Metro Northwest. At the time Asset Recycling Initiative funding was available, Sydney Metro Northwest was more progressed than Sydney Metro West and thus a higher priority.
3. Western Sydney Unit and Infrastructure Investment Division were consulted on this brief.

Stakeholder Implications:

4. There is a strong industry, community and political focus in NSW on securing an Australian Government funding commitment for Sydney Metro West.
5. Mr Brown has had a long involvement in promoting and planning for rail in Western Sydney. You may wish to thank him for his ongoing involvement and work in this space.

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Attachments:

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B: Background on Sydney Metro West project

Attachment B – Background on Sydney Metro projects

The NSW Government is planning and investing in a new network of metro rail projects, which is being led by the Sydney Metro Authority.

There are four significant projects:

- Sydney Metro West – a new line from Sydney CBD to Parramatta, in planning to open late 2020s. This project has partial NSW funding (\$6.4 billion), and Commonwealth funding is being sought.

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Sydney Metro West

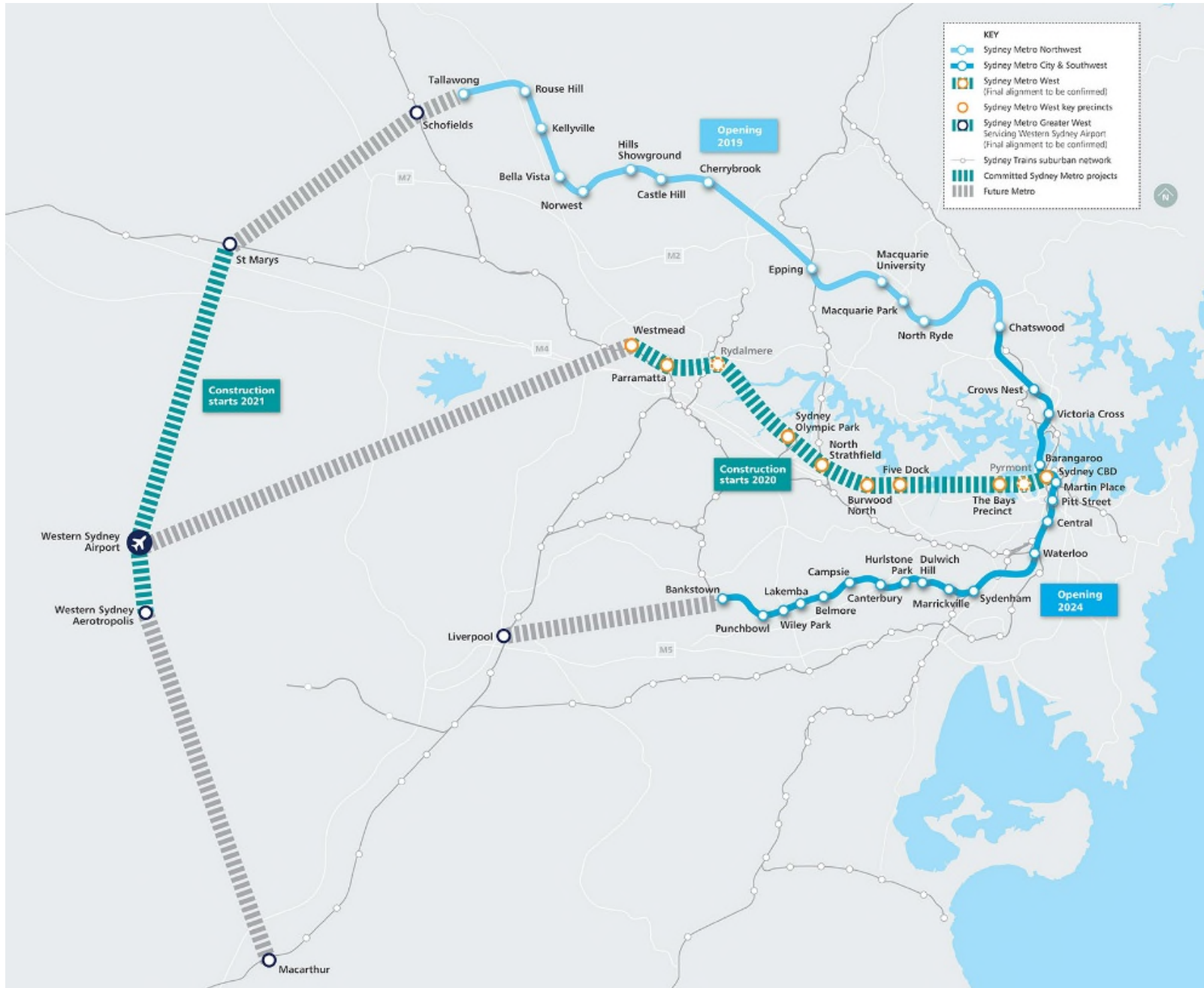
Sydney Metro West is a proposed new underground metro rail line from Sydney CBD to Parramatta

- Media speculation suggests the cost of the rail line will be around \$18-25 billion.
- The project is expected to be operational in the second half of the 2020s, with construction announced to begin in 2020.
- Sydney Metro West would add rail capacity to the existing T1 Western Line from Parramatta to the Sydney CBD, which is expected to be severely overcrowded by the early 2030s.
- The project would complement the T1 Western Line by effectively doubling rail capacity within this corridor, supporting communities along the route that have not previously been serviced by rail and unlocking housing supply and employment growth.
- An extra 420,000 people and more than 300,000 new jobs are forecast in the corridor between Greater Parramatta and Sydney CBD over the next 20 years.

The Sydney Metro West business case is under development

- The business case has not been delivered to the Australian Government. The department understands planning work on the business case is ongoing.
- The business case is being developed by Sydney Metro and will consider:
 - specific project staging, timing, route and construction methodology
 - the travel times between Greater Parramatta and central Sydney
 - innovative funding arrangements.
- Connections with the T1 Western Line at Westmead or Parramatta, and with the T1 Northern Line at an existing suburban station east of Sydney Olympic Park, are under consideration.
- Following feedback from the community, industry and other stakeholders, the NSW Government is investigating intermediate stations within the Sydney Metro West corridor.
 - These proposed stations are at Camellia and Rydalmere in the Greater Parramatta area, North Burwood, Kings Bay, Five Dock and Pyrmont.

Map of Sydney Metro projects



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MEETING BRIEF

Record number: (RM) F18/1108-29 - 19#35024DOC

Subject: Meeting with Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue

Attendees: Christopher Brown AM, Chair, Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue,
Luke Yeaman, Deputy Secretary, Infrastructure Group
Kerryn Vine-Camp, Executive Director, Western Sydney Unit

Date and Time: Friday 5 April 2019, 9.30-10.00am

Location: Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities, Canberra

Key Issues:

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Sensitivities:

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- Mr Brown may raise the Sydney Metro West rail project and wish to discuss a potential Commonwealth funding commitment. To date, the Australian Government has not announced any funding for this project. Further detail on this project is included below.

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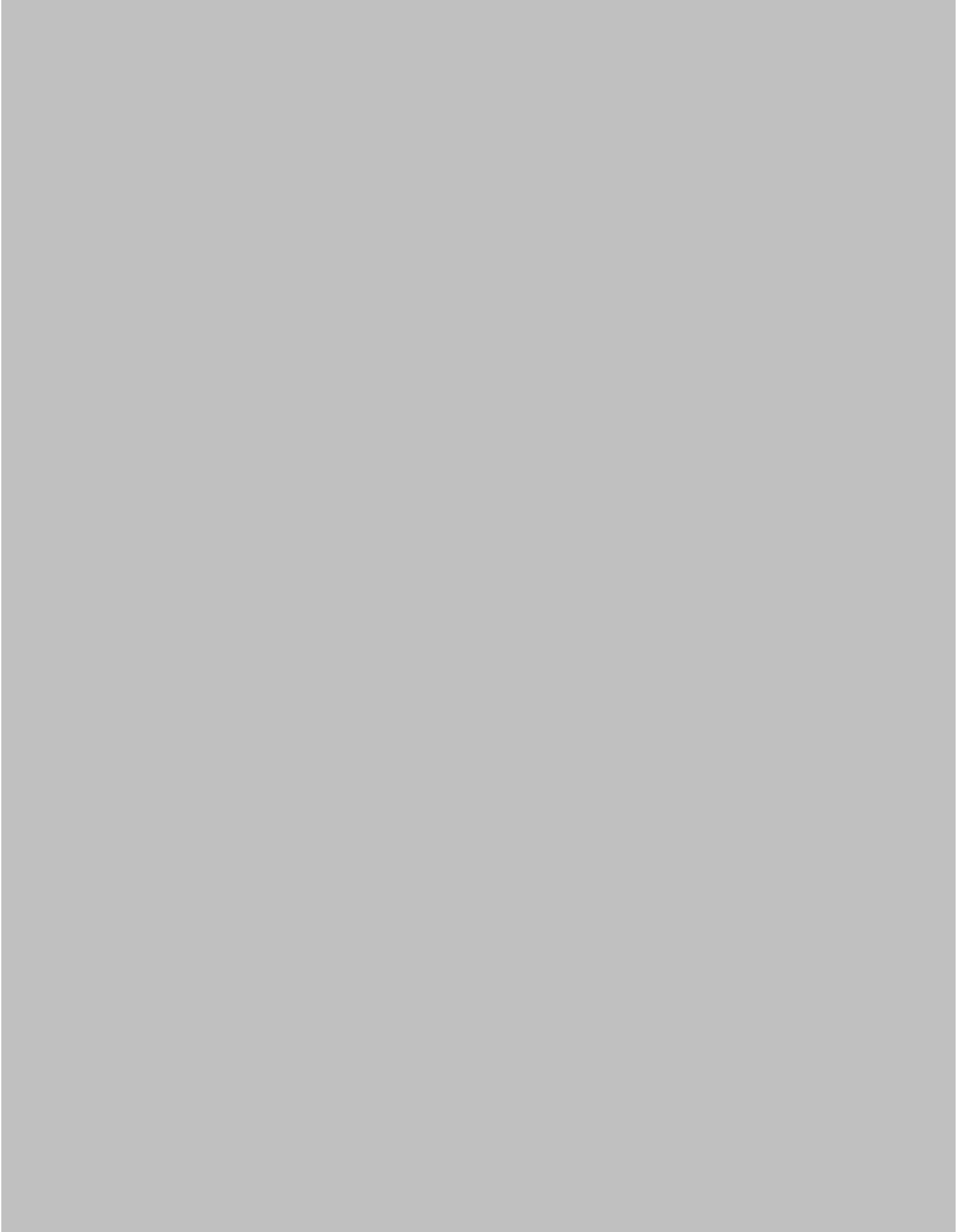
Sydney Metro West

- Sydney Metro West is a planned underground metro railway linking Greater Parramatta and central Sydney. The project will complement the T1 Western Line by doubling rail capacity within this corridor. It is expected to be operational by 2028.
- On Monday 1 April, the WSLD issued a media release urging the Commonwealth Government to commit funding to the Sydney Metro West rail project.
- On Wednesday 3 April, the WSLD issued a subsequent media release referring to the Morrison Government's decision not to fund the project in the 2019-20 Budget as a 'missed opportunity'. A copy of each media release is at **Attachment F**.
 - WSLD describe the project as the 'most transformative project' in Greater Sydney, arguing that its significance to the national economy demanded a federal commitment. WSLD suggest that a Commonwealth commitment of \$5 billion, or 25 per cent of the total cost, is required
 - the Australian Government has not announced a funding commitment for the project. The Federal Opposition, has committed \$3 billion to the project if elected.

- While the NSW Government has not formally sought an Australian Government contribution to date, the Department is being kept informed and we will provide advice to government on the project as it is developed.

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