

Restore Our Rail

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Re: Review of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport Submission

The Restore Our Rail group currently lists over 500 members. We're pushing for restoration of services drastically cut to 5 of St George's busiest stations in the NSW 2013 timetable – Kingsgrove, Beverly Hills, Mortdale, Rockdale & Kogarah.

A major issue for people with a disability is connectivity between nodes. Mortdale, Rockdale & Kogarah have crucial bus interchanges & taxi ranks alongside lift access. As such they are not only leaders in passenger numbers generally, but also enjoy constant use by people with a disability. In the peak hour, trains from south of Hurstville no longer stop at Kogarah & Rockdale. The change process at Hurstville is cumbersome. Mortdale has had its off-peak day & night services cut by a third. Beverly Hills and Kingsgrove stations no longer see express trains stopping for them during peak hour

Until services are restored quality of life for customers with a disability on the T2 & T4 heavy rail lines in Sydney has been significantly challenged.

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