

Media Release



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Peak Bodies Urge Government Resolve on Infrastructure

City Futures at UNSW, the Housing Industry Association, the Planning Institute of Australia, the Planning Research Centre at the University of Sydney, the Urban Development Institute of Australia NSW and the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC) have written to the Premier today requesting that he maintain the NSW Government's previously announced commitments to passenger rail and other infrastructure and that these be protected from any cuts or delays in the Mini-Budget. These organisations are united in response to recent speculation that infrastructure repeatedly announced in support of the Metropolitan Strategy may be deferred or abandoned.

Construction of these new assets is fundamental to reinvigorating the NSW economy, stimulating residential development and restoring investor confidence in Sydney. These organisations are therefore united in calling for the NSW Government to maintain its resolve and provide the infrastructure as promised and required.

Sydney has exhausted its ability to grow from infrastructure investments made between 30 and 100 years ago. This is evidenced by the recent decline in stamp duty revenue and the increasing cost of congestion on business activity. The impacts of significant underinvestment in transport infrastructure are reflected in declining stamp duty revenue and the increasing cost of congestion on business activity.

The withdrawal of funding for rail infrastructure that will underpin 25 years of residential investment in Sydney would significantly diminish its capacity to deliver sustainable, affordable, and liveable communities. Long term solutions are required for existing and future residents of Western Sydney.

The legacy of underinvestment by previous administrations is incumbent on both the NSW and Commonwealth Governments to deliver and innovate and cooperative solution to facilitate Sydney's growth. For these reasons the NSW Government in preparing the State's Mini-Budget to sustain its commitment to investment in infrastructure, particularly with respect to passenger rail.

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