

# EXTENSION OF EXHIBITION PERIOD

## Preferred Project Report

### North West Rail Link

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The Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation (TIDC) is seeking approval to construct and operate the North West Rail Link, a new passenger rail line between Epping and Rouse Hill via Castle Hill. The Minister for Planning is the Approval Authority for the project under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The Environmental Assessment and Concept Plan for the North West Rail Link were placed on public exhibition from 22 November 2006 until 2 February 2007. In response to issues raised in submissions and as a result of further investigations, some modifications have been made to the project, including:

- **Direct tunnel connection:** the project now involves the construction and operation of a direct tunnel connection between Epping and Franklin Road Station rather than the surface quadruplication of the Northern Line between north of Epping and Beecroft.
- **Norwest Station:** Norwest Station would be located approximately 100 metres to the east of its original location within the proposed rail corridor. The station would still be located beneath Norwest Boulevard adjacent to Norwest Marketown.

TIDC has prepared a Preferred Project Report (PPR) to address the issues raised in submissions and to describe the modifications to the project.

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#### Exhibition

The Department of Planning has extended the exhibition period for the PPR until the **6 August 2007**. You may view the PPR during regular business hours, at the following locations:

- **Department of Planning**, Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney;
- **Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation**, Level 7, Tower A, Zenith Centre, 821 Pacific Highway, Chatswood;
- **Nature Conservation Council of NSW**, Level 2, 301 Kent Street, Sydney;
- **Baulkham Hills Shire Council**, 129 Showground Road, Castle Hill;
- **Baulkham Hills Library**, Railway Street, Baulkham Hills;
- **Castle Hill Library**, Corner Castle Street and Pennant Street, Castle Hill;
- **Hornsby Shire Council**, 296 Pacific Highway, Hornsby;
- **Epping Library**, Chambers Court, Epping;
- **Pennant Hills Library**, Corner Ramsay and Yarrara Road, Pennant Hills; and
- **Blacktown City Council**, 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown; or
- download a copy of the PPR from the Department of Planning's website at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au) (go to Major Project Assessment/ Register of Major Projects/ Greater Metropolitan Area including Central Coast/ North West Rail Link); or
- ask TIDC (1800 684 490) to send you a free CD-ROM copy of the PPR.

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#### Community Information Session

TIDC will be available to discuss the preferred project in more detail on:

- **Thursday 19 July 2007, 5pm to 9pm** at Epping Baptist Church Upper Hall, 1-5 Ray Road (Cnr Carlingford Road), Epping

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#### Submissions

Submissions on the Preferred Project Report must reach the Department of Planning by close of business on **Monday 6 August 2007** and should be addressed to:

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Department of Planning  
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SYDNEY NSW 2001  
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