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Dear Mr Austen

Thank you for your correspondence to the former Prime Minister, which was referred to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure about Sydney Metro. I have been asked to respond to you.

I note your comments and appreciate the reasons that prompted you to write. For too long transport was neglected across NSW, so the NSW Government is investing \$51.2bn in long overdue improvements in roads and public transport to ensure infrastructure keeps pace with our needs. We have a transport plan for NSW that is focused on making trips faster, easier and safer.

Sydney Metro will be Australia's first fully automated railway and is a standalone rail network that will revolutionise the way Sydney travels. Services will start in the first half of next year and link major rail lines, Sydney Metro Northwest, formally the North West Rail Link, between Chatswood and Bankstown via a second harbour tunnel and through the CBD. The NSW Government has been working with the community since 2011 to deliver this world class metro system, with services starting in the city's north west in the second quarter of next year and extending into the Sydney CBD in 2024. There have been many opportunities for community feedback along the way and it has been taken on board. For example, two extra stations were added to the Sydney Metro Northwest project in 2011 as a result of community feedback.

Sydney Metro, together with signalling and infrastructure upgrades across the existing rail network, will increase the capacity of train services entering the Sydney CBD from about 120 an hour today to up to 200 services beyond 2024, an increase of up to 60 per cent. New metro trains will run in the peak every four minutes in each direction, with ultimate capacity for a train every two minutes under the Sydney CBD. The NSW Government is committed to investing in the infrastructure required to support tomorrow's Sydney.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely

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