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# ADVOCACY PRIORITIES 2019 **NORTH SOUTH RAIL**

# RAIL CHANGES EVERYTHING

Our community has told us that more jobs, closer to home, and easier access to the region are top priorities.

And we know that rail is the key.

The North South Rail corridor will reshape the Penrith region and stimulate jobs and innovation by ensuring the Western Sydney Airport is embedded in the New West.

Together we can work to **BRING PENRITH HOME.**

## THE VISION

**North South Rail** represents a unique opportunity to create a network of strategic employment centres, and vibrant local places. Residents will have access to diverse housing, employment, education, services and green open spaces within just 30 minutes by public transport.

**The Greater Penrith Economic Corridor** will be a region of well-connected employment centres, including The Quarter health and education precinct and the vibrant city centres of Penrith and St Marys. These hubs will benefit from strong connections to Western Sydney Airport and the Western Parkland City through integration with the North South Rail corridor, which will act as a catalyst for future change and progress.

## Your role

You can deliver this critical change by:

- » confirming Stage 1 of North South Rail will be funded and delivered by 2026 in time for the opening of Western Sydney Airport.
- » confirming that delivery includes tunnelling between St Marys and Werrington.
- » that a new station will be included to service The Quarter, strengthening jobs and education and improving access to health and other critical services.

## THE BENEFITS

The new North South Rail corridor will deliver a range of benefits for the whole Western Sydney region, including significant socio-economic benefits.

- » **Agglomeration economies:** through clustering knowledge employment in accessible locations and increasing access to existing employment centres.
- » **Job opportunities:** increase in knowledge-based employment in Western Sydney, reducing the net export of talent from our area to outside employment sectors that are currently under represented.
- » **Sustainable travel patterns:** delivery of employment lands in close proximity to residents will shorten the journey to work for the labour force of the future.
- » **Enhanced housing choice:** the rail corridor and associated residential development will provide additional housing options for Penrith residents, including affordable housing.
- » **Penrith CBD** will become a more accessible centre and continue to play its increasingly important regional role as a service and employment hub. Integrating with rapid bus transit, Penrith's suburbs will also become better connected to the wider region. As a mixed-use centre with a strong civic role, prominent retail function, and growing commercial precinct, Penrith will become the support centre for the New West.
- » **St Marys** is poised to become the link that connects Western Sydney Airport to the Greater Sydney region. As the vital junction of the T1 rail line and the North South Rail, St Marys will evolve into a mixed-use strategic centre - containing commercial, industrial, retail and residential areas.



- » **South Creek** represents a continuous green space corridor along the entirety of the eastern edge of the New West. Primed for ecological protection and enhancement, better stormwater treatment, and a regionally significant corridor for recreation, South Creek will continue to deliver residents real work-life balance opportunities.
- » **Improved public transport network** with North South Rail as the spine, the addition of a rapid bus service to the airport, and more integrated connections through the east west transit corridors, public transport will become a more realistic option for residents. Penrith will also be directly connected to the broader global arc, including North West and South West growth centres as well as the airport and Aerotropolis.

