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Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Thank you for your correspondence to the Minister for Roads regarding your advocacy for Light Rail on Parramatta Road. Your correspondence was referred to the Minister for Transport and I am responding to you as the Parliamentary Secretary for Transport.

I am always grateful to hear about ways we can improve our public transport system and appreciate your feedback on the future of Parramatta Road.

While your support of the Altrac suggestion is appreciated, I am advised that apart from the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 project, Transport for NSW does not have any other light rail projects currently in the development pipeline. However, Transport for NSW is committed to exploring various options and solutions for Parramatta Road that are aligned with future goals and strategies.

Transport for NSW understands the significance of the Parramatta Road corridor and has been investigating options for some time. Future plans must consider a range of complex factors, including options for public transport, drivers, pedestrians, bike riders, as well as local residents and businesses.

You may be interested to know that Transport for NSW is progressing the business case for the future multi-modal transport investments on Parramatta Road which includes rapid and local bus services. This builds on the recently delivered bus lanes and transit-lanes (T3) on Parramatta Road which will increase the reliability for bus passengers.

The NSW Government's investments in Zero Emissions Buses will provide amenity improvements to Parramatta Road by removing loud diesel buses and reducing local emissions. This will support other investments to improve the amenity of the corridor to be investigated as part of the business case.

The planned future investment will enable additional housing, simplify the public transport network, and improve mobility and place outcomes along and around Parramatta Road. The South East Sydney Transport Strategy identifies a number of rapid bus routes that would also serve and support Green Square.

Transport for NSW regularly evaluates the best way to meet the transport needs of communities. This includes considering a range of different transport options which may include light rail. Transport for NSW is also focused on supporting increased housing supply and enhancing public transport services to create more vibrant and connected communities.

I am further advised the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure is working to revitalise the Parramatta Road Corridor, more information is available at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/plans-for-your-area/priority-growth-areas-and-precincts/parramatta-road.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marjorie O'Neill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

25/02/2025

Marjorie O'Neill MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Transport