

Alan Moroney - North West Rail Link

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I submit that the first stage of this line should be extended as far as North Sydney instead of terminating at Chatswood as announced and that four tracks be provided between those points with North West trains using the centre two tracks

There is adequate room in the existing rail corridor between Chatswood and Waverton to accommodate two extra tracks and there are already four tracks between the southern end of Waverton and North Sydney

In addition there are locations where some earthworks and other infrastructure for four tracks are already provided

The extension of North West trains to North Sydney would allow for travellers from beyond Chatswood who work in the St Leonards and North Sydney business areas to avoid changing trains at Chatswood and so would speed their journeys and would cut down congestion on platforms at Chatswood

The extension would also give alternative locations for travellers proceeding into the City of Sydney and beyond to change trains, again cutting down on congestion at Chatswood

A head shunt could be provided just beyond North Sydney station platforms if the existing UP line was slewed slightly onto the former tramways formation

This would allow cross platform connections between North Sydney trains and those crossing the Harbour Bridge to take place at each station from Chatswood to North Sydney

Regards

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