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GROUNDHOG DAY - LABOR ANNOUNCES A METRO LINE, AGAIN

Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Andrew Constance said that Labor cannot be trusted on public transport, and that the people of Sydney have heard this all before from Labor.

“Today, 9 years ago to the month, former Labor Finance Minister, Michael Daley, played a key role in the cancellation of the Rozelle Metro, costing NSW taxpayers well over \$400 million,” Mr Constance said.

“In fact, Labor promised to deliver Metro West three times since the early 1990s, only to cancel it each time, including handing back \$81 million to the Federal Government in 2010.

“Labor left NSW the lowest and the slowest of all Australian states, hamstrung with a derelict public transport network.

“In contrast, the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is spending a record \$30 billion in Western Sydney to deliver key infrastructure, including the world class rail lines, roads, trains and buses that Western Sydney deserves.

“We have tripled the annual investment in roads and public transport compared to Labor’s time in office, and worked hard to deliver new rail lines, trains, ferries, light rail and buses – and over 34,000 new public transport services, compared to the thousands Labor cut.”

The former Labor government:

- Promised 12 rail lines, had 9 Transport Masterplans, 6 Transport ministers – but only delivered half a rail line;
- Cut over 2,000 weekly rail, bus and ferry services;
- Wasted well over \$400 million scrapping their Rozelle Metro;
- Handed back \$81 million to the Commonwealth when they scrapped their West Metro;
- Promised to deliver electronic ticketing in time for the Sydney Olympics;
- Wasted \$100 million on their failed T-Card; and
- Introduced a CountryLink Pensioner Booking Tax.

The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government:

- Is delivering the \$20 billion Sydney Metro network – with 31 new metro stations and trains every 4 minutes in the peak – with the first stage opening in May 2019, at least \$500 million under budget.
- Introduced the Opal Card – electronic ticketing;
- Delivered over 34,000 new weekly train, bus, ferry and light rail services, all accessible with our Opal Card;
- Built the South West Rail Link, ahead of schedule, and \$300 million under budget;
- Delivered 47 train station accessibility upgrades, with 10 more underway;
- Delivered over 6,000 additional commuter car parks, with another 8,000 underway;
- Delivered the Inner West Light Rail extension that Labor promised but never delivered;
- Is delivering new state-of-the art intercity trains for Wollongong, Newcastle and the Blue Mountains – which Labor wants axed;
- Is purchasing 41 new, fully-air-conditioned Waratah suburban trains; and
- Is investing in a new XPT train fleet for country passengers.

A list of rail projects announced by Labor and then axed:

1. Bondi Beach rail link promised in 1998...axed
2. High Speed rail link to Newcastle/Central Coast promised in 1998...axed
3. Hurstville to Strathfield rail link promised in 1998...axed
4. High Speed rail link from Sutherland to Wollongong promised in 1998..axed
5. Parramatta to Epping rail link promised in 1998...axed
6. North West heavy rail link promised in 1998...axed
7. South West heavy rail link promised in 2004...axed
8. CBD/New Harbour Crossing rail link promised in 2005...axed
9. North West Metro link promised in 2008...axed
10. CBD to Rozelle Metro – promised 2008axed
11. West Metro promised in 2009...axed
12. Western Express promised 2010...axed

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