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Letter from the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure giving commitment to a short term access strategy for public transport in Green Square. Dated December 2017



The Hon Andrew Constance MP
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure

Our Ref: 00424023

Councillor Clover Moore
Lord Mayor of Sydney
City of Sydney
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Dear Councillor Moore

Thank you for your correspondence about public transport in Green Square.

The NSW Government has a vision to develop an integrated transport system with customers at the centre of transport policy, planning and service delivery. As such, we are increasing services across Sydney to meet growing demand.

I am advised existing bus services in the Green Square precinct include routes 301, 302, 303, 309, 310, 343, 348, 370 and M20, which provide frequent travel options to the CBD, Redfern, Bondi Junction and the Inner West.

In recent years, the Growth Services Program has provided service enhancements on bus routes 301, 343, 348, 370 and M20 to cater for residential growth in the Green Square and Alexandria areas. I am pleased to advise the 2017/18 Growth Services Program includes funding for additional services on routes M20 and 370. These additional services commenced in November 2017.

Further, a \$1.5 billion investment to the 'More Trains, More Services' program will address the dramatic growth in patronage on the rail network. As part of this program, 24 new airconditioned Waratah-style trains and more express services will be delivered. Customers in Green Square travelling on the T2 Airport Line will benefit from more than 200 extra services each week.

As you are aware, a new station will be constructed in Waterloo as part of the Sydney Metro City & Southwest project. When the new station is open, 30 new Metro services will operate every hour, increasing capacity to the CBD by up to 60 per cent. You may be interested to know, the NSW Government is exploring options to enable buses to operate to and from Waterloo Station.

We are also considering opportunities to enhance services or introduce new services in Green Square in conjunction with the development of a new bus network to support the CBD and South East Light Rail (CSELR).

In the short term, following our meeting on 31 October 2017, I am pleased to advise that the NSW Government will develop an access strategy for Green Square for the next five years. Additionally, longer term strategies to further improve transport options are outlined in the recently released draft *Future Transport 2056*.

You may be assured the NSW Government is monitoring urban development in the Green Square precinct and will consider further opportunities for service improvements which align with customer travel patterns and increased demand for transport services.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Constance". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

1/12/2017

THE HON ANDREW CONSTANCE MP