



THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY  
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The Hon. David Elliott MP  
Minister for Transport and Roads  
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Dear Minister

### **Redfern Station**

I write to you about improving access and connectivity across the railway tracks at Redfern Station.

Residents of Darlington and Chippendale continue to raise concerns with me about poor connectivity with neighbouring communities in Erskineville, Redfern, Waterloo and Alexandria across railway tracks, which also create a divide between North and South Eveleigh innovation precincts.

I was pleased when the upgrade to Redfern Station was announced, including the new Southern Concourse to improve accessibility and connections between the station and key destinations in the area. However, key challenges remain to Redfern Station being truly accessible for all, with improved connectivity for surrounding communities.

#### **Barrier-free access**

It is important that barrier-free access is provided across the new Southern Concourse at Redfern Station.

I raised this issue with your predecessor in November 2019. Recent correspondence from TfNSW indicates the matter is still being considered and that a decision will likely be made in early 2023.

TfNSW staff have previously explained that barrier-free access must be balanced against the safety of customers and rail staff, as well as the desire to minimise fare evasion. They also stated that pedestrians who wish to cross the new Southern Concourse to get from one side of the station to the other could do so by tapping on and off with an Opal card or credit card without payment.

However, this arrangement still presents a barrier to free access for the community, as an Opal card must have a minimum amount of money on it to be usable, and many people cannot obtain or do not have a credit card.

Upgrading the Southern Concourse provides an important opportunity to improve connectivity and increase the area's liveability, including for people who may not be able to afford to tap on and off for 'free'.

***I ask that you provide barrier-free access across the new Southern Concourse when it opens to create a truly accessible and inclusive station for all.***

### **Improved connectivity**

The NSW Government is undertaking several major developments in the area that will impact the whole precinct and see the increased use of this already busy transit hub.

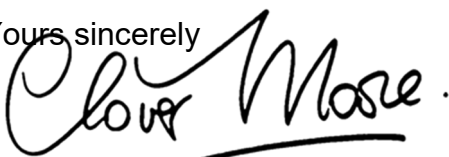
Two of those proposed developments currently under consideration are rezoning proposals for the Paint Shop sub-precinct in North Eveleigh and the Large Erecting Shed in South Eveleigh. Neither of these proposals commit to delivering the bridge connection that has been in the Redfern Waterloo Authority's plans for the precinct since at least 2006. The City and the community have advocated for a bridge across the railway tracks in their submissions to the Department of Planning and Environment for these two proposals.

This bridge would be a vital connection to bring communities together and for easy access to key facilities such as the University of Sydney campus, Carriageworks and the Gibbons Street bus interchange.

***I urge the NSW Government to commit to providing an active transport bridge across the railway tracks using the proceeds of the sale of Australian Technology Park. This should be delivered as part of the redevelopment of land in North and South Eveleigh, and not delayed indefinitely.***

If your staff would like to speak with someone in my office about this, they can contact Maria O'Donnell, Policy Manager, on 9265 9333 or at [modonnell@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:modonnell@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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