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Ms Wendy Dunnet
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Dear Ms Dunnet

Thank you for your email of 4th April, 2018 regarding references to Mona Vale in the North District Plan.

The preparation of the District Plans was a collaborative process involving not only the Greater Sydney Commission but many other State agencies providing input to the text and the supporting information. We also considered feedback from community groups and other stakeholders, as well as available public documents, to help frame the text.

I have enquired about the sources of information that lead to the inclusion of the statement that you have referred to in the North District plan (p77) which reads:

“Further improvements to travel times, especially for those within the northern part of the peninsula, will be made when operations are extended to Newport”.

It appears that the sentence was written from an amalgam of statements drawn from several Transport for NSW webpages. For example, the following sources are relevant:

- <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/b-line-program> towards the bottom there is a statement “An extension to Newport is planned in 2018 following further consultation and design”
- <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/b-line-bus> which has the statement “The B-Line Program is an integrated package of service and infrastructure improvements designed to provide more reliable journeys between Mona Vale and the Sydney CBD. Improvements to the road corridor and implementation of bus priority measures will improve reliability of bus services affected by congestion at several bottlenecks. All project construction and roadwork complete by 2019.”
- <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/b-line-bus/library/newport-2018> which has the statement “The extension of B-Line services to Newport was proposed earlier this year to reduce congestion and provide more frequent and reliable bus services for customers travelling between the Northern Beaches and the Sydney CBD.”
- <https://yoursay.b-line.transport.nsw.gov.au/newport>



It is quite clear from these sources that no decision has yet been made to extend the service to Newport and that further public consultation is to occur before a decision is made.

I agree that the sentence does not accurately represent the current situation.

As the District Plans have been finalised there is no opportunity to immediately revise the text. The District Plans will however be periodically reviewed and I will endeavour to make the necessary amendment when the North District Plan is revised. I anticipate this will be later in 2018 or early 2019 depending on the alterations that may need to be made to reflect changing circumstances. At that time I expect that there will be a clearer position on the government's position regarding the B-Line.

Thank you for your email bringing this issue to my attention and for your continued interest in planning for Greater Sydney.

Yours sincerely



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