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Mr Robert Miesegeaes,
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Dear Robert,

In your letter of July 2018 addressed to all Residents where you advise that the proposed extension of the B-Line to Newport would not proceed you stated you would '*investigate opportunities to improve existing bus services north of Mona Vale...*'. This commitment was also made to us by our State Member the Hon Rob Stokes in a meeting we had with him at the time of the announcement. Rob told us not to expect changes until the introduction of the new timetable in September and subsequently revised this to November.

The Newport Residents Association has been consulting with its membership and the wider community in Newport with regard to what improvements they would like and received a very strong response to a survey we initiated. Additionally we had made a submission to the Northern Beaches Council's Transport Strategy Draft Document and we note below an extract out of our submission which includes the outcome of the survey.

'Firstly, The Newport Residents Association endorses and supports the submission made on behalf of CABPRA by Mr David Owen.

Specifically, we wish to emphasise that this Move Northern Beaches Transport Strategy draft still includes reference to a B-Line service to Newport, which has been abandoned by TfNSW due to insurmountable technical issues and a spectrum of further practical issues. So all such references (including in maps) need to be deleted.

Of course that in no way removes the need – and the Government commitment – to providing an improved bus service north of Mona Vale, in particular for those residents needing an efficient public transport service between their homes and the city and/or the lower north shore.

Since the curtailment of the proposal to extend the B-Line beyond Mona Vale, the NRA has run an online survey, content & results summarised as follows:

- * **Additional Express (E88) buses which are the quickest way to get to the City**
- * **Extended hours of operation of these Expresses, to 10am in the morning and commencing at 3pm in the afternoon**
- * **L90 needs to be retained with more buses, ie increased to 2 per hour all day**
- * **Two of the 199 services be replaced by the L90**
- * **L90 & 199 must continue to service the 'Newport Loop' & run to North Avalon or Palm Beach**
- * **Keoride service should link not only to the B-Line but to any E Bus which means Avalon or Newport, not just Mona Vale**

Participants were invited to “Please complete the following survey” (with the result shown alongside each option):

“Are you in favour of the improved Bus services as suggested above? (Just click your answer)”

YES 90.4%

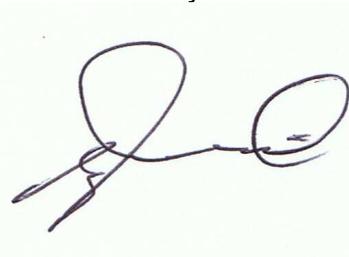
NO 3.8%

PREFER A VARIATION TO ABOVE 5.8%”

For additional clarification we are suggesting there are four L90's per hour (two as replacements for the two 199 reductions). Also additional E88's could be E89's.

We would appreciate an opportunity to have another meeting with you and representatives of the community organisations north of Mona Vale to discuss our proposed improvements together with representatives of the Northern Beaches Council. We would be pleased to hear from your office of a suitable date that we may hold this meeting and we will liaise with the council accordingly.

Yours sincerely



Gavin Butler
President

Cc Hon Rob Stokes
Palm Beach & Whales Beach Association
Avalon Preservation Association
Clareville & Bilgola Plateau Residents Association
Mr Philip Devon, Manager Transport Network, Northern Beach Council