

# Media Release

## Sydney Business Chamber



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### Continuation of a “start-stop” approach to Transport

The Sydney Business Chamber has expressed its concern at today’s announcement by the NSW Government that it intends to put on hold any further property purchases in Rozelle for the Metro.

“NSW cannot afford a climate of uncertainty around key infrastructure projects”, said Patricia Forsythe, Executive Director of Sydney Business Chamber.

“Sydney Business Chamber is a long-time supporter of the Metro because we recognise its importance to the integration of Barangaroo within the CBD. At this stage, we have no answer as to how Barangaroo will be serviced and we are concerned that today’s announcement will create significant uncertainty for this major project.

“Without an upgrade of Wynyard Station it will not be possible for Wynyard to cope with the workforce that will eventually be based at Barangaroo.

“Surely Sydney has learnt there is a critical linkage between transport and infrastructure – and you can’t deliver one without the other. I am concerned that a completed Barangaroo without a dedicated transport option will result in daily chaos at Wynyard and will act as a dampener on this important development on the city’s East.

“Following on from the decisions to stop any privatisation of the ferries and the changes to the fast ferry service, we are wondering what is really driving the decision making within Transport? The lack of transparency around decisions such as this one is astounding.

“The Government has form with half finished projects. Start-stop has gone on for too long. Business needs certainty. Business and the community need to have clarity about the Government’s transport plans for Sydney. Sydney also needs clarity from both the Government and Opposition about what transport options will service Barangaroo.

“This latest decision confirms the absolute importance of a transport blueprint for Sydney. The Government needs to move quickly so that we can see how it intends to answer the questions regarding transport at Barangaroo.

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