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Changing metro will blow a hole in CBD bus strategy

The Sydney Business Chamber has called on the NSW Government to release a CBD bus strategy as part of its transport blueprint. The bus strategy must detail how the Government will deal with an increase in CBD bus congestion if Rozelle Metro station is scrapped.

“If the Government intends to scrap the Metro to Rozelle or dump the CBD Metro completely they need to show how they plan to deal with the growth in buses in the CBD,” said Patricia Forsythe, Executive Director of the Sydney Business Chamber.

“The CBD Metro’s Environmental Impact Statement stated that building the Metro to Rozelle would help relieve heavily congested bus services into and through the CBD by reducing buses on Anzac Bridge by 30% and the northern part of George Street by 45%.

“Scrapping the Metro station at Rozelle means there is no strategy for buses and reducing the ongoing congestion on Victoria Road

“The Government’s much anticipated transport blueprint must include a strategy for buses in the CBD, particularly along the congested Victoria Road corridor that would be serviced by the CBD Metro.”

Mrs Forsythe said that the absence of the Government’s transport blueprint combined with ambiguous statements about the future of the CBD Metro was reinforcing the belief in the community that the Government can’t deliver on public transport infrastructure.

“This ‘on-again, off-again’ approach to public transport projects is undermining business confidence in tendering for transport projects and the ability of business and the community to plan for the future.

“The Government with its transport blueprint must layout a realistic plan for the future of Sydney’s transport network that will be followed to the letter.”

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