



# **The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP**

## **Premier of NSW**

### **Minister for Western Sydney**

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **ALL ABOARD: LIGHT RAIL SERVICES BEGIN ON NEW INNER WEST EXTENSION**

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell and Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian today opened the Inner West Light Rail extension, delivering on the NSW Government's commitment to build new major transport projects for customers.

The light rail project including nine new stations from Lilyfield to Dulwich Hill, 5.6km of new track and four new-look light rail vehicles opened to the public today, with peak services taking customers into the CBD for the first time.

"This is a NSW Government delivering for the community and here is the proof. I'm delighted we are opening a major public transport project," said Mr O'Farrell, who was joined at the opening by Strathfield MP Charles Casuscelli.

"Together with other major transport infrastructure projects including the North West Rail Link, South West Rail Link and the CBD and South East Light Rail we are getting on with the job and building infrastructure for the future," he said.

"This not only provides another public transport option for commuters heading into the CBD during weekdays, but also for families who can use the brand new service to access popular locations like the Fish Markets and Darling Harbour on the weekends.

"The benefits of this project are broader than for just those in the Inner West. Getting cars off the road is a benefit for everyone commuting into the city from Western Sydney," he said.

Ms Berejiklian said with services every 10 minutes between Central and Dulwich Hill during peak hours, customers can hop on board from nine new stations Leichhardt North, Hawthorne, Marion, Taverners Hill, Lewisham West, Waratah Mills, Arlington, Dulwich Grove and Dulwich Hill.

"Under the turn-up-and-go schedule, customers don't need a timetable, with services every 10 minutes in the peak and real-time information at stations.

"The Inner West now has more transport options than ever before, with 1,300 regular bus services each morning and 15 minute frequencies on the Inner West train line provided by the new train timetable."

Customers will see some minor work continue around the light rail stops for the next few weeks which will provide easier access to the network. Work includes new and upgraded footpaths, more signage to guide people and landscaping.