



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **TRAIN SERVICES SLASHED TO THE NORTH SHORE**

#### **North Shore train services slashed in new timetable**

Friends of Ku-ring-gai Environment Inc (FOKE) President Kathy Cowley said today "that with the new train timetable introduced from 20 October, 181 inbound and outbound train services to the upper north shore have now been slashed in Ku-ring-gai since 2005. Residents are faced with a reduction of rail services by up to 20%."

"If this isn't shocking enough for loyal Liberal supporters on the North Shore, Premier O'Farrell will further reduce train services when the Northwest rail line is up and running" Kathy Cowley predicted.

"But to compound the increased congestion this will cause, Ku-ring-gai will also be faced by two further problems supported by local Liberal members Premier O'Farrell and Jonathan O'Dea."

"The **first** problem is Ku-ring-gai is faced with 5-9 storey high rise development to increase our new dwellings by 30% (10,000 more on the 34,000 existing dwellings) and an increase in population from 100,000 to 130,000" said Kathy Cowley. "Ku-ring-gai in 2006 agreed to take an increase of 30% new dwellings and population increase but has suffered more congestion without any increase in infrastructure and with a 20% reduction in train services" said Kathy Cowley

"The **second** problem, to even compound our congestion further, is that our local state member and Premier, Barry O'Farrell is not happy with just increasing our dwellings and population by 30%, but he now wants to increase it by 50%! He wants to support a draft Metro Plan loading up Ku-ring-gai with not 10,000, but 17,000 new dwellings. This is a 50% increase in dwellings and our population will rise from 100,000 to 150,000- without any community support or consultation." Kathy Cowley said

"From the latest NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DOPI) housing data (see links below) Ku-ring-gai is also contributing more new dwellings than almost all other Local Government Areas (LGAs) and yet we are getting penalised with a substantial reduction in train services by the O'Farrell government" Kathy Cowley said

“Barry O’Farrell made a commitment to honour the agreement to cap the increase of our dwellings at 10,000 and to curb any plans exceeding this figure . This is a 30% increase in dwellings over the 25 years.” “Now we are faced with a reduction of rail services by up to 20% as well and he wants to increase our population by 50%.” “This is a complete betrayal of Barry O’Farrell’s election promises to Ku-ring-gai” Kathy Cowley said

“Ku-ring-gai Council should be demanding a reduction in the agreement of 10,000 in line with the 20% reduction rail services since 2005 and refusing further increases to dwellings as proposed in the draft Metrostrategy to 2036” Kathy Cowley said

“Barry O’Farrell is losing the trust of Ku-ring-gai residents and this trust will be further eroded if infrastructure upgrades do not stay in line with Ku-ring-gai’s population increases and densities.” said Kathy Cowley

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Reference: <http://aptnsw.org.au/cgi-bin/item.cgi?20130923Mon122408.txt>

### Further cuts to upper North Shore services

Although Macquarie line trains add to services on the lower North Shore, the upper North Shore will suffer further reduced services. Ironically, this line passes through the Ku-ring-gai area, singled out by government policies facilitating high-density development near railway stations.

Station	Inbound trains per weekday <sup>1</sup> (2005)	Inbound trains per weekday <sup>1</sup> (2009)	Inbound trains per weekday <sup>1</sup> (2013)
Wahroonga	109	101	81
Warrawee	109	101	81
Turramurra	115	108	106
Pymble	110	104	81
Gordon	128	117	116
Killara	118	109	103
Lindfield	135	110	104
Roseville	133	110	104
<b>All Ku-ring-gai</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>776</b>

Monthly and quarterly Metropolitan Development Program (MDP) reports provide the latest information on dwelling approvals and production in both existing and greenfield areas of Sydney. These updates are based on data from, and consultation with, local councils, service agencies and industry.

## Monthly reports

<http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/HousingDelivery/HousingdataforSydneymonthlyreports/tabid/581/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

## Quarterly reports

<http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/HousingDelivery/HousingDeliveryOverview/HousingdataforSydney/QuarterlyReports/tabid/597/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

## Reports

archive <<http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/LinkClick.aspx?link=396&tabid=126&language=en-AU>>

## Sydney housing hotspots

The NSW Government has released the top 20 new housing growth locations for the calendar year 2012, based on the four quarterly reports for this year. Further information is available below:

### Media

release <<http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/DesktopModules/MediaCentre/getdocument.aspx?mid=1190>>

### List of growth locations

<[http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=T8bqa2b5\\_tY%3d&tabid=579&language=en-US](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=T8bqa2b5_tY%3d&tabid=579&language=en-US)>

### Map

<http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=ciuMWNcBlo%3d&tabid=579&language=en-US>

## The December 2012 quarterly

<http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=3z5UAhassWc%3d&tabid=597&language=en-US> and

## January 2013 monthly

<http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=0HGXRPhch2c%3d&tabid=581&language=en-US> reports are also available.

## Sydney Region Dwelling Completions

Below is a dataset containing the last 10 years of dwelling completions for the Sydney Region.

### § Metadata statement for Sydney Region Dwelling

Completions <<http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=AZ9-mujuwtM%3d&tabid=579&portalid=0&language=en-AU>> (PDF 110KB)

### § Sydney Region Dwelling Completion by suburb (2003/04 to

2012/13) <<http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=oGdUdz6ul9s%3d&tabid=579&portalid=0&language=en-AU>> (XLS 242KB)