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Greens slam proposed cuts to Bankstown train services

Canterbury Greens Councillor, Linda Eisler, will move a motion at the next council meeting condemning a Rees Government plan to cut train services on the Bankstown line.

“Cityrail’s draft timetable proposes to cut our already badly overcrowded morning services, taking us from 5 to just 4 all station services between 8 and 9:00 am,” Eisler said.

“Every serious review has found that the Bankstown line is running well beyond capacity.

“People physically can’t get on trains in the morning, and they want to cut critical peak hour services further.

“We’ve already had severe cuts to this line, losing half our off peak services in the last round of changes.

“We have just two services an hour at night and on weekends, and all the while fare increases continue.

“Hardly an incentive for people to use public transport.

“Ours is also a poorly serviced line in terms of facilities - what other station the size of Sydenham has no lifts? How many of Labor’s election promises on that issue have been broken?

“I will be moving a motion calling on the State Government to stop selling this community short, to give the struggling families in this area a fair go and improve our train service.

“Providing reliable, affordable and frequent public transport is the only way we can solve Sydney’s transport crisis.

“We can’t sustain our environment or our economy unless we get serious about public transport, now, not at some point in the distant future,” she said.

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