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RE: WSBC Response to Western Sydney Rail Needs Scoping Study

Dear Jennifer,

In response to your invitation to Western Sydney Business Connection (WSBC) to make a submission in relation to the Western Sydney Rail Needs Scoping Study, WSBC partnered with the NSW Chamber of Commerce on a joint survey.

180 responses were received from businesses across Western Sydney. The results of the survey are attached and a brief analysis is outlined below.

You will note that 98% of respondents would like to see the Western Sydney Airport (WSA) rail ready when it opens. Our research backs up the anecdotal evidence that the Western Sydney Business Community sees a rail ready airport as the only acceptable outcome. Many have expressed concern about the additional pressure that any incremental traffic will place on surrounding infrastructure already at capacity.

Many businesses in the area have also expressed the need for a transport option that achieves shorter travel time from their place of business or residence to the new airport than can be achieved to the existing airport. This would facilitate easier corporate travel to the area.

The majority public sentiment to date appears to support an East West high speed rail link. The WSBC and NSW Business Chamber survey results echo this sentiment with almost half of respondents preferring a direct high speed rail route linking the WSA to Parramatta and the Sydney CBD.

Following the high speed rail connection to Parramatta the majority of the remaining respondents are fairly evenly spread between preferring a link to the Northwest Metro at Rouse Hill and a North South link connecting St Mary's and Macarthur. This finding raises the question as to whether an opportunity exists to combine these options into a Rouse Hill - St Marys - WSA – Macarthur option.

Based on the survey results, WSBC recommends both an East West high speed rail link from WSA to Parramatta CBD and a North South rail link, noting the East West high speed rail link as the priority.

Further to the findings that relate to the Western Sydney rail options. 42% of the WSBC community expressed a desire to remain involved with the project moving forward. Of that over 31% are particularly interested in the Western Sydney Rail project and have indicated a desire to be as

involved as possible. WSBC urges TfNSW to continue a dialogue with WSBC and our members throughout the project.

WSBC is an independent, not-for-profit, member based organisation representing thousands of businesses in Western Sydney. Our community comprises mid to large sized companies from across the Greater Western Sydney region and includes representatives from across Local and State Government and private sector.

We trust you find the survey results helpful and look forward to a continuing dialogue.

Best of luck with the project.

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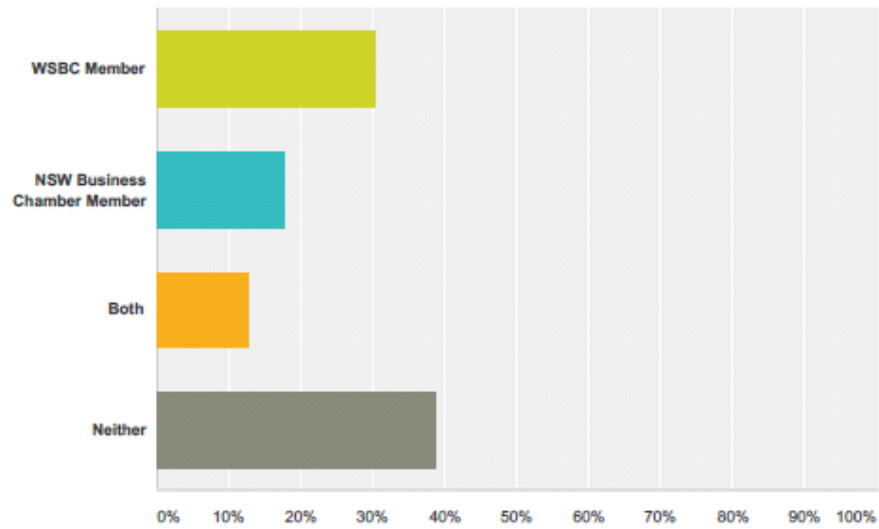
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Western Sydney Business Connection

WSBC Western Sydney Rail Needs Survey

Q1 Are you a:

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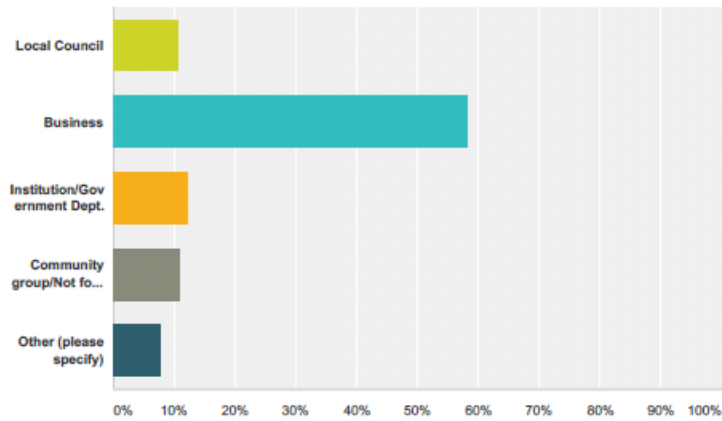


Answer Choices	Responses
WSBC Member	30.56% 55
NSW Business Chamber Member	17.78% 32
Both	12.78% 23
Neither	38.89% 70
Total	180

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Q2 How would you classify your organisation:

Answered: 180 Skipped: 0

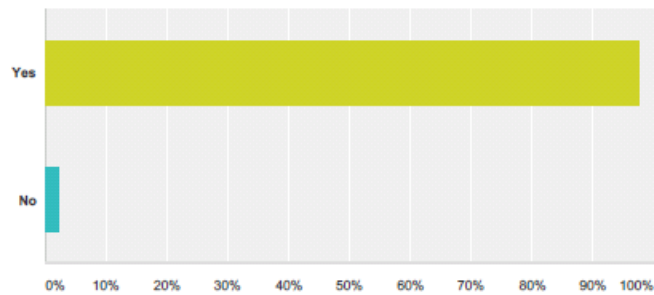


Answer Choices	Responses
Local Council	10.56% 19
Business	58.33% 105
Institution/Government Dept.	12.22% 22
Community group/Not for profit	11.11% 20
Other (please specify)	7.78% 14
Total	180

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Q3 Should a rail link to the new Western Sydney Airport be operational when the airport opens

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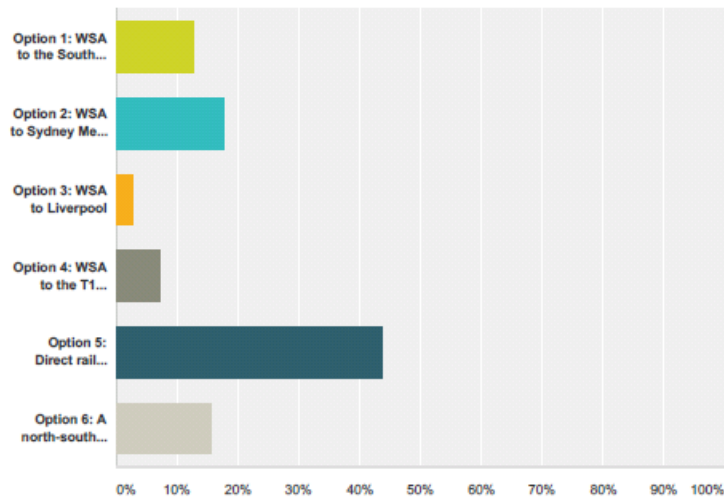


Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Yes	97.78%	176
No	2.22%	4
Total		180

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Q4 Which of the YELLOW rail services options (1-6) is your highest priority for servicing the proposed Western Sydney Airport (WSA)? (please select only one)

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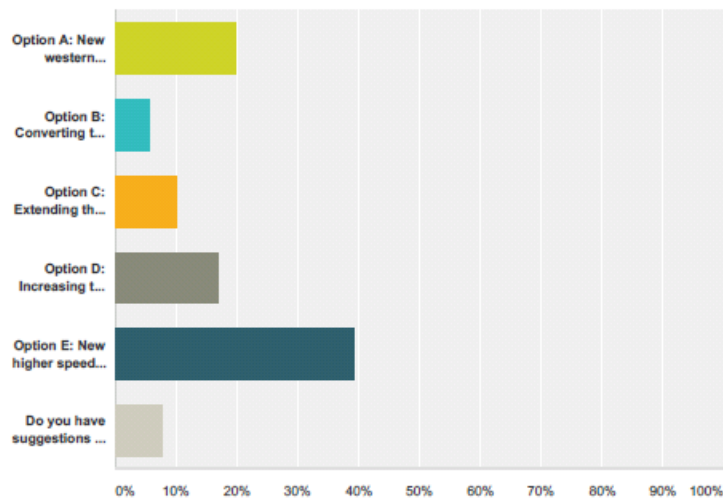


Answer Choices	Responses
Option 1: WSA to the South West Rail Link	12.78% 23
Option 2: WSA to Sydney Metro Northwest	17.78% 32
Option 3: WSA to Liverpool	2.78% 5
Option 4: WSA to the T1 Western Line via St Marys	7.22% 13
Option 5: Direct rail express service: WSA to Parramatta	43.89% 79
Option 6: A north-south link: Macarthur-WSA-St Marys-Schofields	15.56% 28
Total	180

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Q5 Which of the PURPLE rail service options which connect the new line to the existing rail service (A-E) should be delivered as the highest priority for the Western Sydney region?

Answered: 177 Skipped: 3

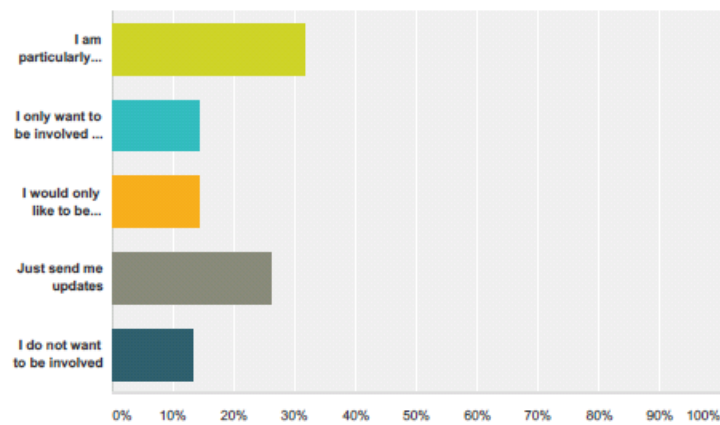


Answer Choices	Responses
Option A: New western metro-style service	19.77% 35
Option B: Converting the Airport Line between Revesby and Sydney CBD to separate Metro-style service	5.65% 10
Option C: Extending the Sydney Metro City & Southwest	10.17% 18
Option D: Increasing the capacity of the existing suburban network	16.95% 30
Option E: New higher speed tunnel linking Parramatta and the Sydney CBD	39.55% 70
Do you have suggestions for other rail options that should be considered in this study to service other parts of the Western Sydney region?	7.91% 14
Total	177

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Q6 To what extent to you wish to be involved in the western Sydney Rail Discussion in the future;

Answered: 180 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
I am particularly interested in this and want to be as involved as I can	31.67% 57
I only want to be involved in major consultations	14.44% 26
I would only like to be involved via WSBC and/or NSW Business Chamber	14.44% 26
Just send me updates	26.11% 47
I do not want to be involved	13.33% 24
Total	180