

MEDIA RELEASE

David Campbell MP
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CONTINUED INVESTMENT IN RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE

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Minister for Transport David Campbell today announced that the NSW Government would allocate additional funds to Rail Clearways projects, which are designed to increase the capacity of the CityRail system and reduce train delays.

Mr Campbell said changes to the program had led to additional funding being allocated.

“These Clearways projects provide new rail lines, stabling facilities and rail turnbacks which will get trains around the network quicker and with more efficiency,” Mr Campbell said.

“The Government recognises the importance of these projects and that is why it has approved an additional \$130 million for Rail Clearways.

“While major construction works for the **Homebush** and **Lidcombe Turnbacks** have been completed, work continues on the ***duplication of the Cronulla Line*** and the ***quadruplication of the line between Kingsgrove and Revesby.***”

Mr Campbell said other projects to receive the extra funds include:

- Quakers Hill to Schofields Duplication
- Liverpool Turnback
- Macarthur Station Upgrade

Clearways projects already completed and delivering benefits to commuters include:

- Berowra Turnback
- Bondi Turnback
- Revesby Turnback
- Macdonaldtown Turnback and Stabling facility
- Hornsby Platform 5 and Stabling facility

Mr Campbell said the effectiveness of these projects could be seen in the strong reliability of the CityRail network in the past 12 months.

“CityRail’s on time running over the past financial year was 95.4% against a benchmark of 92%.

“This is being achieved as CityRail patronage continues to hit record levels.”

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