Jo Haylen Minister for Transport



Media Release

Inner West Light Rail to roll into the night

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Passengers using the L1 Dulwich Hill line will enjoy extended hours from Monday 29 April, with services now operating from 5am to 1am, seven days a week.

These changes mean an extra 160 services will be added to the weekly timetable for Inner West light rail passengers, supporting early risers and late-night revellers to travel around the Inner West and CBD.

Services will run every fifteen minutes from 5am to 6am every morning, with a service every 15 minutes from 11pm to 1am each night.

This is another way the NSW Government is supporting the revival of the night time economy while making it easier to travel around Sydney.

Newly extended hours also build on recent service uplifts, with a total of 450 additional services per week on the Inner West Light Rail (L1) since June 2023.

This permanent timetable change also brings the L1 operational hours in line with the L2 and L3, with all Sydney Light Rail services now operating from 5am to 1am daily. It also aligns with the wider public transport service in Sydney.

For more information or to plan your trip, visit transportnsw.info.

Quotes attributable to Transport Minister Jo Haylen:

"This permanent extension to the L1 operating hours is a big win for the inner west.

"Every time we've extended light rail operating hours for major events, people have flocked to the late night services.

"But every night is a good night to be out and about in Sydney, so ensuring people have a way home is vital.

"With an earlier start time of 5am, Light Rail will also become a great option for early risers, heading to work in areas like Pyrmont, Ultimo and the CBD.

"We've been really focused on improving frequency along the line, as a result passengers are voting with their feet and L1 passenger numbers are quickly catching pre-Covid levels.

Quotes attributable to Transport Coordinator General Howard Collins:

"We're bringing the L1 in line with the operating times of the L2 and L3 in our CBD and east."

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"Not only will this guarantee a better service for passengers in the Inner West, but it'll make our light rail network easier to navigate for visitors who will appreciate the consistency across all of our lines."

"Light rail is growing in popularity, and we'll keep doing everything we can to meet demand."

Quotes attributable to Duncan Edghill, ALTRAC Light Rail:

"These extra services will make the L1 Dulwich Hill line an even more attractive transport option. This is especially important for workers who need to get to their jobs early or late in the day, as well as students and socialisers travelling outside peak times.

"Light Rail is proving to be exceptionally popular with Sydneysiders. We're delighted to have worked with TfNSW and our partners in delivering these additional services on the L1 Dulwich Hill line."

Quotes attributable to Arsene Durand-Raucher, Transdev Sydney:

"Our goal is to serve the community and contribute to making Sydney a great place to live by operating and maintaining a safe and reliable light rail service on behalf of Transport for NSW, and our teams have worked diligently to ensure passengers have a seamless and safe experience with these additional services."

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