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Inquiry into critical transport infrastructure supporting the Western Sydney International Airport and Western Sydney Aerotropolis: report released

The Committee on Transport and Infrastructure has tabled its report on critical transport infrastructure supporting the Western Sydney International Airport and Western Sydney Aerotropolis.

The Committee received 45 submissions and heard from 36 witnesses during three days of hearings, including residents, councils, public transport advocates and government agencies. Committee Chair, Ms Lynda Voltz MP, said the report responds to several concerns raised by inquiry participants.

These include that Western Sydney is car dependent and that insufficient public transport connections between Western Sydney and the airport and aerotropolis could worsen existing road congestion.

"We recommend planning and building several significant transport infrastructure projects to improve the accessibility and viability of the airport and aerotropolis. We must ensure that residents of Western Sydney get the public transport they need to properly access the services and employment opportunities created by the airport and aerotropolis," said Ms Voltz.

These include to:

- deliver rapid buses from Penrith, Liverpool, Campbelltown and other major western Sydney centres in time for the airport's opening in late 2026, with enabling infrastructure such as bus-only lanes;
- deliver a rail link from Leppington to the airport;
- plan rail links from Macarthur via Oran Park and Tallawong to the airport;
- investigate in the long-term extending Sydney Metro West from Westmead to the airport;
- build an interchange between the M12 Motorway, Mamre Road and Elizabeth Drive;
- investigate a direct fuel pipeline to the airport; and
- investigate future links, such as the Maldon-Dombarton rail link and Outer Sydney Orbital.

The Committee also recommended planning improvements, including publishing a long-term program of transport projects, fast-tracking land acquisition for corridors, consulting with local communities and publishing the business case for Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport for transparency.

"The airport and aerotropolis have the capacity to be city-shaping projects that deliver the critical transport infrastructure needed to connect travellers, workers and communities across western Sydney. The Committee's recommendations will contribute to making this vision a reality," said Ms Voltz.

The report can be found on the inquiry webpage.

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