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MEMBER FOR MACQUARIE FIELDS

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Dear Minister,

I again write on behalf of my constituents who are fed up with the Liberal Government's refusal to install lifts at Macquarie Fields Station.

My community and I have campaigned for fair access at Macquarie Fields Station since I was elected in 2015. So far, our requests to you and the Liberal Government have fallen on deaf ears, despite evidence clearly supporting the upgrade of Macquarie Fields Station.

The voices of my community are important and deserve to be heard. I have included a brief selection of comments from local residents who desperately need accessibility improved at Macquarie Fields Station.

"I have emphysema and climbing the stairs at Macquarie Fields Station is extremely difficult for me and I'm sure many others. Having to stop every few steps to try and get air is quite frightening. I've heard people say go to another station with a lift but why can't I use my local station? I don't want to go miles out of my way just to get a train."

"No lifts at stations unfairly discriminates against disabled people especially when Government coffers are overflowing. Shame on you!"

"I have a newborn baby and I travel via train to get to places, I find it very unfair that Macquarie fields doesn't have a lift, I can't take my pram up the stairs as it is very unsafe."

"A lift is needed to make our community accessible for people with disabilities. This is a form of discrimination."

"A lift is desperately needed. I must travel to Ingleburn or Glenfield for an accessible station, which is a great hardship as I have a disability, and a small child to transport. Given the volume of commuters, it's time to give us a lift!"

"The Government should feel ashamed. So many seniors that catch the trains otherwise from Macquarie Fields are forced to reach other stations that have lifts by bus first."

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"Once again the NSW Government proves it is happy to ignore the needs of those who most need community support but you eagerly listen to the needs of developers. Another failure from a Government elected to support the people. Not good enough. Build the lifts now."

"I'm sure the residents on the North Shore wouldn't have to put up with this! Disgusting! Give us a fair share!"

"With all the upgrades it is shameful this station was not included - my wife with a pram must go to another station as this station is not accessible."

"I remember having to carry up a pram everyday those stairs I almost fell with my baby a few times!"

"Macquarie Fields is my local station and I find it most inconvenient when travelling with luggage and have to go elsewhere. I can only imagine how frustrating and difficult it must be for people with mobility issues. Please install lifts here as has been done in other areas of Sydney."

"It's really sad that it comes down to this... the government of the day should always help all of NSW residents regardless of which party their sitting member belongs to."

The message from my community to the Liberal Government is clear: fund the lifts!

I request your urgent advice on when lifts and other accessibility upgrades will be installed at Macquarie Fields Station.

Yours sincerely,



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