



# Anoulack Chanthivong MP

## MEMBER FOR MACQUARIE FIELDS

The Hon. A.J. Constance, MP  
Minister for Transport and Roads  
GPO Box 5341  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

30 April 2019

Dear Minister,

I find it appalling that I am once again forced to write on behalf of my constituents who have been repeatedly overlooked when it comes to fair access to railway stations.

I am of course referring to the Liberal Government's blatant politicisation of station upgrades by committing to upgrades of Como and East Hills Stations, despite data showing a greater need for a lift and higher patronage at Macquarie Fields Station.

The NSW Auditor-General's recent report clearly shows Macquarie Fields Station is ranked before both Como and East Hills in terms of need and patronage. Yet the Liberal Government again failed to prioritise a much-needed upgrade of Macquarie Fields Station, demonstrating bias towards stations in marginal seats ahead of the State Election.

Macquarie Fields Station ranks 34 on need for an accessibility upgrade, East Hills ranks 37 and Como 35. Of the three stations, Macquarie Fields has the highest patronage at 10,598 passengers per week. East Hills has 8,844 passengers per week and Como 8,160 passengers per week.

The damning Auditor-General's report which revealed this obvious pork-barrelling was preceded by your decision last year to fund an upgrade at Hawkesbury River Station despite the latest publicly available Opal data showing only 861 trips at that station per week.

To ignore your department's own transport data and play favourites is not only wrong, it shows your total contempt for the people of south-west Sydney.

I urgently call on you to end the political games and fund the installation of lifts at Macquarie Fields Station. It is unacceptable that frail and elderly, people with disability, parents with prams and travellers with luggage are unable to use this station without a lift.

Now is the time to end the Liberal Government's neglect of south-west Sydney and fund the upgrade of Macquarie Fields Station to ensure access for all.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anoulack Chanthivong', written in a cursive style.

**Anoulack Chanthivong MP**  
**Member for Macquarie Fields**