



**The Hon Carmel Tebbutt**  
**Deputy Premier**  
**Member for Marrickville**

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION FAST TRACKED WITH \$55M FUNDING**

Member for Marrickville Carmel Tebbutt today announced that work on the extension of the light rail to Dulwich Hill would be fast tracked with \$55 million set aside to accelerate work as part of the 2010/11 State Budget.

“The NSW Government is extending the light rail by 10km so passengers can travel directly from Dulwich Hill, through the Inner West and the Sydney CBD, to Circular Quay,” Ms Tebbutt said.

“The \$55 million will be used to start construction on the Inner West section of the track following the completion of an Environmental Assessment as well as to undertake pre-construction work on the CBD extension.

“Since being elected I have worked hard to deliver on my promise of better services for people living in Marrickville.

“Improving public transport and protecting the environment are issues that I know are important to our community.

“This year’s budget also includes major capital funding to continue the upgrade of Newtown Station as well as funds for the ongoing remediation of the Cooks River,” Ms Tebbutt said.

In the 2010/11 Budget, major investments in Marrickville include:

- **\$55 million towards the Inner West and CBD Light Rail Expansion.**
- **\$13.3 million to continue construction work on Newtown Station** including an easy access upgrade.
- **\$24.7 million for rail maintenance** including bridge and track maintenance to ensure smoother journeys for local commuters
- **\$1.9 million to protect the local environment**, including funds for the Cooks River to Iron Cove Greenway “Making Sustainability Work” project and a range of sustainability projects which will be led by Marrickville Council

- **\$300,000 for local community projects** under the \$35 million NSW Community Building Partnership.
- **\$511,000 for improvements to local schools** including stormwater and sewerage upgrades at Australia St Infants School, Camdenville Public School and Stanmore Public School and additional fencing for Marrickville West Public School.
- **\$10.4 million to continue work on 29 social housing homes** in Camperdown and fund maintenance upgrades to social housing homes in the electorate.

“This year’s budget focuses on making Marrickville a better place to live – through continued investment in local schools, facilities and the environment as well as help for disadvantaged members of our community.”