

Wednesday 6 May 2015

MEDIA ALERT

LIGHT RAIL SYMPOSIUM, Friday 8 May 2015, 10.30am for 11.00am start
Macquarie Graduate School of Management, Room 121, 99 Talavera Road, Macquarie Park

The City of Ryde Council and Macquarie University are co-hosting a Light Rail Symposium advocating a light rail connection between Parramatta and Macquarie Park (via Carlingford and Epping) as the preferred route for Stage 1 of the Western Sydney Light Rail Network.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Bill Pickering, said the Parramatta-Macquarie Park route was the “missing” link in the metropolitan transport strategy: “A light rail connection between Parramatta and Macquarie Park is vital and will deliver significant economic, transport and social benefits, not only to our region, but to the wider Sydney area.

“Connecting these two thriving CBDs with light rail would provide fast, effective and affordable travel for the tens of thousands of commuters travelling from Western Sydney to Macquarie Park.

“We intend to demonstrate how servicing this Global Economic Corridor with adequate and connected transport infrastructure will ensure its continued significant contribution to the State’s economy and reputation as an international city.”

Key Note speakers include:

- Dr Michelle Zeibots (UTS) Institute for Sustainable Futures
- Vaughan Paul (Optus)
- The Hon John Alexander MP, Member for Bennelong

Joining co-hosts City of Ryde Mayor and University will be: Scott Lloyd – Lord Mayor Parramatta; Jeff Lee MP – Member for Parramatta; Damien Tudehope MP – Member for Epping; members of the Macquarie Park Business Community.

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