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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your correspondence to the Minister for Transport about the Train to Cessnock initiative. Your correspondence was referred to me as it falls within my portfolio responsibilities as Minister for Regional Transport and Roads. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I was interested to read the survey results and appreciate you taking the time to share these with the NSW Government. I also apologise for being unable to attend your recent Train to Cessnock public meeting. I am pleased to confirm that those who did attend, including my Chief of Staff, Christine Boyd and Chief Transport Planner, Simon Hunter, as well as two other Transport for NSW representatives, have shared with me the local community's passion, ideas and concerns.

As you know, I am highly passionate about transport options in our regional communities. Ensuring communities have a public transport system that is reliable, safe, affordable and accessible is of the highest priority to the NSW Government.

When it comes to planning to meet future road and transport needs, the NSW Government is delivering Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plans (SRITPs). These plans will identify achievable actions governments can take to deliver better transport policies, services and infrastructure to our growing regional communities.

Our plans will be outcomes focused and identify priority actions and initiatives that complement work being done by all levels of government and can progress into planning and delivery of new transport and road networks.

You may be interested to know that the Hunter SRITP is currently in development. Engagement with key stakeholders is underway to inform the SRITP and its delivery. I note that your survey results have also been shared with the team leading the development of the Hunter SRITP.

The draft Hunter SRITP is expected to be available for public exhibition in October 2024. After public exhibition, Transport for NSW will refine the draft to reflect feedback from the community and key stakeholders. Final delivery of the Hunter SRITP is expected in early 2025.

For more information about the SRITP being developed for the Hunter region, please visit <https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/sritp> or feel free to send an enquiry to the Transport for NSW SRITP team via email at engage.sritps@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me. I genuinely appreciate the effort you have made to raise this matter with the Government.

Yours sincerely,



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