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Mr Bill Palazzi
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Dear Mr Palazzi,

Thank you for your correspondence about the public meeting regarding the Train to Cessnock initiative.

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.

I apologise for being unable to attend this meeting myself. However, 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.

Regarding Simon's comments about the planning work currently being done, I can advise 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.

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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The Hon Jenny Aitchison MP
Minister for Regional Transport and Roads