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Metropolitan Transport Plan Need Not Reinvent the Wheel

“The decision to stop work on the Sydney Metro need not prevent the NSW government from applying the agreed Design Principles for the protection of heritage across the broader rail network” Mr. Scott Woodcock, Core Programmes Director from the National Trust of Australia (NSW) said today.

“Despite all Sydney Metro’s difficulties; the Government engaged constructively with the community to ensure that proposed stations respected their sense of place. The *Metropolitan Transport Plan* should learn from the lessons of the past. NSW does not need to reinvent the wheel to deliver a transport plan.”

Mr. Woodcock continued: “The design principles agreed to by the NSW Government for the Sydney Metro outline a plan for the conservation of significant heritage sites. These principles should be held up and maintained irrespective of the transport solution. The people of NSW deserve a continued commitment to heritage in all areas of transport development.”

“The National Trust requests that the Sydney Metropolitan Development Authority adopt a variation of the Sydney Metro Design Principles and incorporate them into all construction contracts. The *Metropolitan Transport Plan* is not justification to throw the baby out with the bathwater.”

“While the Government’s new public transport commitments are reasonably well illustrated; the National Trust seeks further detail concerning the \$21.9 billion slush fund for roads. Motorways have the potential to have a comparatively dramatic impact on heritage conservation areas. The transport plan requires further explanation to allay concerns and remove uncertainty.”

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