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Have you claimed your Green Slip refund?

The New South Wales Parliament recently introduced laws to make changes to Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance to reduce the cost of Green Slips for motorists.



If you were the registered owner of a private vehicle as of midnight 30 November 2017, you may be able to claim a CTP Green Slip refund for insurance policies bought or renewed before 1 December 2017.

CTP Green Slip refunds are currently being made through Service NSW.

You can claim a CTP refund online between 7pm and 7am Monday to Saturday and all day Sunday.

Or you can visit a Service NSW Centre at Crown Street, Wollongong, or 131 King Street, Warrarong.

You have until 30 September to claim your refund.

However, you should also be aware that the Berejiklian Government has introduced a minimum refund amount of \$10 and each refund is subject to an administration fee.

If the refund is less than \$10 before or after the administration fee has been applied, then the vehicle is not eligible for a refund.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CTP REFUNDS PLEASE VISIT:

www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/claim-ctp-green-slip-refund

Anzac Day across Wollongong

Anzac Day is a special commemorative event which takes place on 25 April each year.

We come together in our thousands to express our appreciation to those men and women who gave their lives to fight for freedom and democracy.

Wollongong hosts a number of commemorative Anzac Day Services across our local communities.

Here is a list of Anzac Day Services you may wish to attend on 25 April 2018.

Lest we forget.

Local Anzac Day Services

WOLLONGONG DAWN SERVICE

5am Wollongong Cenotaph

(preceded by a short march at 4.45am)

PORT KEMBLA DAWN SERVICE

6am Allan Street Memorial

WOLLONGONG ANZAC MARCH & SERVICE

March to Cenotaph

& Anzac Day Service at Town Hall commencing approximately 11am

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Secret Maldon-Dombarton Business Case revealed

A secret business case on Maldon-Dombarton has warned that the long term viability of Port Kembla will be severely constrained and currently available infrastructure no longer able to provide secure train paths to the port and Illawarra in as little as a decade, unless construction of the Maldon-Dombarton rail link starts soon.

In a damning assessment on the region's current infrastructure capability, the business case report – which has been kept under wraps by the NSW Government for the last four years – makes clear that freight train paths on the Illawarra Line will be cut dramatically from 60 paths per day to just 8 paths per day and could confine freight operations to “night time only” by 2031. This will send more freight onto the local road network.

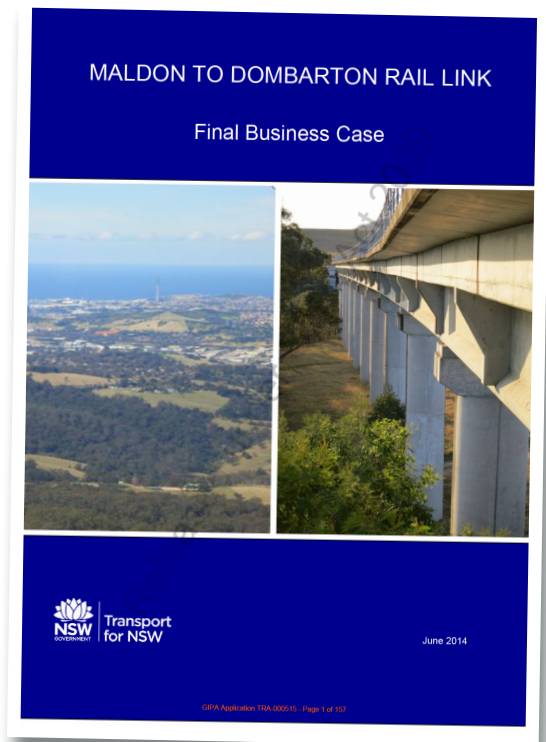
The business case specifically warns that the “consequences of deferral” of the completion of the Maldon-Dombarton rail project includes:

- ▶ Lack of capacity on the Illawarra Line;
- ▶ Congestion on the existing Unanderra-Coniston Junction;
- ▶ Lack of capacity for passenger services;

- ▶ Increasing construction costs;
- ▶ A “less viable” and “more environmentally sensitive” existing corridor, and;
- ▶ Risk of existing assets, such as bridges, cuttings, embankments and civil structures becoming “dilapidated”.

The business case report estimates the cost of constructing the Maldon-Dombarton rail link at \$701 million with an additional \$105 million required to upgrade the existing Unanderra-Coniston Junction, which has been identified as a “key pinch point” for rail operations in the region.

NSW Labor has a policy to invest \$50 million in foundation capital funding with the private sector, to help kick start the completion of the Maldon-Dombarton rail link. I've called on the Berejiklian Government to match NSW Labor's policy.



TO READ TRANSPORT FOR NSW'S FINAL BUSINESS CASE ON THE MALDON-DOMBARTON PROJECT, PLEASE VISIT:

www.paulscullymp.com.au/media/179531/maldon-dombarton-rail-link-final-business-case.pdf

Wollongong Electorate Woman of the Year – a fighter for fairness

Ms Rebecca Lachlan has been recognised as Wollongong Electorate Woman of the Year.

Rebecca leads the local community group, Access for All at Unanderra Station, which has been dedicated to the installation of lifts at Unanderra Station.

She was instrumental in obtaining over 10,000 signatures on a petition to have the upgrade of Unanderra Station debated on the floor of the Legislative Assembly and continues to campaign on the issue by lobbying the Government and organising public rallies.

Rebecca has also been heavily involved with the Stroke Foundation Australia as a StrokeSafe Ambassador and serves as a member of the StrokeSafe Consumer Council having been the victim of a stroke.

**PAUL SCULLY MP
WITH WOLLONGONG'S
WOMAN OF THE YEAR,
REBECCA LACHLAN**



Wollongong Hospital under massive pressure



Independent Bureau of Health information for the October-December 2017 quarter continue to show that Wollongong Hospital is under significant pressure with some patients waiting more than 400 days for elective surgery procedures.



Labor MPs, Ryan Park, Sharon Bird and Paul Scully have launched their Save Our Hospitals petition.

PATIENTS WAITING LONGER FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY INCLUDE:

- X Ear, nose and throat – 179 days**
(compared to 131 days for same period in 2016)
- X Gynaecology – 46 days**
(compared to 21 days for the same period in 2016)
- X Orthopaedic surgery – 91 days**
(compared to 56 days for the same period in 2016)
- X Urology – 35 days** (compared to 29 days for the same period in 2016).

PATIENTS WAITING LONGER FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY FOR COMMON PROCEDURES INCLUDE:

- X Abdominal hysterectomy – 355 days**
(compared to 86 days for the same period in 2016)

- X Total hip replacement – 359 days**
(compared to 242 days for the same period in 2016)
- X Total knee replacement – 385 days**
(compared to 318 days for the same period in 2016).

More patients were added to the elective surgery waiting list during the October-December 2017 quarter with a 12% increase in patients ready for elective surgery at the start of October and 16% increase in patients ready for elective surgery at the end of December.

Wollongong Hospital failed to meet the NSW benchmark for the percentage of patients (89%) who received semi-urgent surgery within the clinically recommended timeframe.

Wollongong Hospital also has the highest emergency department waiting times outside of metropolitan Sydney.

I have written to the Minister for Health, Brad Hazzard MP, requesting an independent, external inquiry to examine the funding and resourcing provided to Wollongong Hospital.



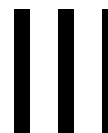
SAVE OUR HOSPITALS FROM LIBERAL CUTS

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of NSW:

Our local hospitals are under pressure with increasing waiting times in emergency, for elective surgery and demand from more patients. Our health professionals do a great job with the resources they have but they too are stretched trying to provide good care with limited budgets. The undersigned call on the Turnbull Government to stop the \$7.5 million funding cut over the next 3 years to Bulli, Coledale, Port Kembla and Wollongong Hospitals and call on the Berejiklian Government to put our local hospitals before its \$2.2 billion Sydney stadiums splurge.

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For more information or extra petitions please call Paul Scully's office on **4226 5700**.

Berejiklian Government to spend \$2.2 billion on Sydney Stadiums

NO BENEFIT TO WOLLONGONG

While our schools have significant maintenance backlogs, our local hospitals are under massive pressure, and our transport services are overcrowded, the Berejiklian Government has confirmed it will splurge \$2.2 billion on Sydney stadiums.

I asked the Premier a simple question on the 8 February 2018:

What are the specific benefits to the Illawarra region of the Government's \$2.5 billion proposal to knock-down and rebuild Sydney stadiums?

Her answer came 35 days later on 15 March 2018:

The Government's stadium investment will ensure New South Wales remains the number one destination for major sporting and entertainment events, creating jobs and generating economic activity across the State.

This is the second time the Premier has been asked to point to a single project that benefits Wollongong from her Government's plans and **she has been unable to point to any.**

'Show us the cash, MP tells treasurer'

Illawarra Mercury, 3 April 2018

The Berejiklian Government must stop ignoring Wollongong – the third largest city in New South Wales – and start investing in the infrastructure the city needs to build on its strengths.

The Berejiklian Government has made a deliberate decision to lock the Wollongong local government area out of eligibility for funding under the Government's Regional Growth Fund. It cannot identify a local benefit from its \$2.2 billion Sydney stadiums splurge.

In addition, the Government has been unable to name a single project in Wollongong funded from the \$20 billion sale of the NSW electricity 'poles and wires'.

I MADE A PRE-BUDGET SUBMISSION TO THE TREASURER WHICH HIGHLIGHTS THE INVESTMENTS WOLLONGONG NEEDS, INCLUDING:

- ▶ \$25 million to upgrade Unanderra Station, including the installation of lifts.
- ▶ \$50 million to support construction of the Maldon-Dombarton rail link in a joint public-private partnership connecting the Port of Port Kembla with Australia's third largest economy in Sydney's south-west.

- ▶ \$50 million to upgrade the Appin Road, a key freight and commuter corridor from Wollongong to Sydney's south-west.
- ▶ \$40 million to construct an interchange at Springhill and Masters Road ensuring a continuous flow of traffic movement into and out of Wollongong CBD, BlueScope Steel, Port Kembla Harbour and Wollongong's southern suburbs.
- ▶ \$50 million to upgrade the WIN Entertainment Centre delivering more than 280 jobs and attracting 40,000 visitors to Wollongong every year to support tourism jobs in local hotels, restaurants and the hospitality industry.
- ▶ \$5 million to upgrade the Mt Keira Summit Park on the best natural viewing platform in Wollongong.
- ▶ \$5 million to build an iMake Maker Space at the University of Wollongong Innovation Campus specialising in 3D printers, design



software, laser cutters reducing the technology barriers for Wollongong's small businesses.

All of these initiatives have been pledged by NSW Labor in its \$225 million Illawarra Jobs Action Plan.

I have again invited the Treasurer to make his first-ever visit to Wollongong as Treasurer and, if he accepts, I will arrange meetings with regional stakeholders so the Treasurer can understand the real infrastructure needs of Wollongong and the Illawarra region.

The NSW Budget is scheduled to be handed down in June 2018.

HERE TO HELP

Paul Scully MP, Your State Member for Wollongong

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