



# Media Release

**David Campbell MP**

**Minister for Transport**

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## MAJOR UPGRADES TO THE CRONULLA LINE DURING APRIL

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NSW Minister for Transport David Campbell today said a three week closedown on the Cronulla line would take place during April to allow for critical work on upgrades as part of a project worth over \$300 million.

Mr Campbell said the Cronulla Line Duplication was a major piece of infrastructure that would deliver long-term benefits for locals and as such, the works involved would be extensive and complex.

"In order for these works to be undertaken safely the electricity supply to the Cronulla Line needs to be shut off," Mr Campbell said

"Switching off the power will mean this important upgrade can be undertaken quickly and safely with no risk to workers.

"This critical work could not be achieved with live overhead power lines and running trains."

Mr Campbell said the Cronulla branch line would be closed for passenger train services over the following periods:

- **Friday 3 April (evening) to Friday 10 April** Cronulla to Caringbah only
- **Friday 10 April to Friday 24 April** Cronulla to Sutherland

"The major works planned for the April closedown include installing new overhead wiring structures, replacing signalling equipment and track reconditioning," Mr Campbell said.

"Other work includes the fit-out of station facilities and platform resurfacing at Kirrawee and Woolooware, works to extend platforms at Sutherland, earthworks and bridge works.

"When complete, this major project will mean more than one service can run on the line at a time, removing bottlenecks caused by the single-track sections of the line between Cronulla and Caringbah, and Gymea and Sutherland.

"Having two tracks will deliver increased capacity, improved reliability and service recovery time, and fewer cancellations due to delays caused by late running trains."

**Buses will be used to replace trains during these periods.**

Member for Miranda Barry Collier welcomed the next step forward in the project and thanked the local community, in advance, for its cooperation.

"Alternate transport arrangements have been established for the closedown with buses running services from all stops as well as special express services into the City during the Cronulla to Sutherland shutdown," Mr Collier said.

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“These express bus services will ensure minimal inconvenience and comparable journey times for passengers during this period while critical works are undertaken.

“We appreciate the patience of commuters and the Shire community during the period while the line is closed and look forward to delivering significant improvements to rail services and station access soon.”