

Appendix C

APA Public Meeting with Transport for NSW to comment on Artarmon station Accessibility Upgrade

While the community generally supports improved accessibility for our railway station, the proposal by TfNSW falls far short of community expectations. The resolution passed with a strong majority sums up the sentiment: *This meeting rejects the current design for lift access to Artarmon Station and requests Transport for NSW to address access to the station from the eastern side before the design of lift access is finalised.*

Some of the matters of concern raised by the 50+ attendees (including councillors and senior Council officers) were:

1. Difficulty for impaired east-side residents to reach the lift situated on the west side opposite Broughton Rd, either by foot, motorised chair or by car.
2. Inadequate consideration of options to the preferred solution in the REF (review of environmental factors)
3. Failure to provide an outcome in keeping with the context and heritage status of the station and its surroundings
4. Inability to assure that the proposal will be consistent with local developments likely with implementation of the NWRL (north-west rail link).

The meeting was assured that comments made in response to the REF would be considered prior to finalisation of the design. The public exhibition period ends on Monday August 11 but we were told there would be a grace period following our meeting. Willoughby Council is also finalising a response.

During two hours of spirited discourse, the proponents declared that they had met their brief with a proposal that paid attention to minimising disruption to the rail service, allowed fast and simple installation while minimising cost (including by reuse of a system that had been installed for a brief period at Turramurra station). The community sentiment was that such considerations might result in a blight on the area lasting for the 100 year design life-span of the facility.