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OPPOSITION FAILS TO EXPLAIN ITS PLAN TO KILL OFF METRO RAIL

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NSW Minister for Transport David Campbell today slammed the NSW Opposition over its failure to answer any questions one week after announcing it would axe metros in favour of heavy rail in Sydney.

Mr Campbell said not only was the Opposition's policy ill conceived but it also lacked any detail and did not add up.

"The Opposition Leader Barry O'Farrell says he will kill the cutting edge metro rail project in favour of heavy rail links," Mr Campbell said.

"But if Mr O'Farrell wants to commit to heavy rail links to the south west and north west, he has to explain which services and jobs of nurses, teachers and police he plans to cut to make that happen.

"If the Opposition doesn't cut services and jobs they'll only have enough money to build a north west rail link from the CBD to Luna Park."

Mr Campbell said the Opposition had been telling in its silence on two very key questions:

- **Where would the Opposition's planned north west rail link go?**
- **Which services and jobs of nurses, teachers and police does Barry plan to cut in order to fund the link?**

"The Opposition's plan to cut the CBD Metro for a politically expedient \$4.8 billion will still leave them billions of dollars short of the funds they would need to build a north west and south west rail link," Mr Campbell said.

"It's another hollow and populist pronouncement from an Opposition that has no detail in its announcements and can't answer the simplest of questions on them.

"While we are building and getting on with the job, the Opposition plans to axe projects like the CBD Metro.

"100 businesses and consortia have shown interest by attending an industry briefing on the CBD Metro project and if the Opposition had its way they would pull the rug from under this innovative transport development."