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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# 40 EXTRA WEEKLY BUS SERVICES ROLL IN FOR NORTH WEST SYDNEY

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams and Member for Baulkham Hills David Elliott today announced that North-West Sydney bus customers will benefit from an additional 40 services per week starting from Monday 1 August.

The new services are part of the NSW Government's Growth Services Program, an initiative to deliver more bus services for customers where and when they are needed most.

The 40 additional services per week will be introduced on Hillsbus services, routes 611 and 619:

- 25 additional services per week will be introduced on route 611 between Blacktown, Seven Hills and Macquarie Park during the AM peak period on weekdays. These additional trips will result in an increase in service frequency on route 611 between Blacktown and Macquarie Park to approximately every five minutes.
- 15 additional services per week will be introduced on route 619 between Castle Hill and Macquarie Park during the AM peak period on weekdays. These additional trips will result in an increase in service frequency on route 619 between Castle Hill and Macquarie Park to approximately every 7-8 minutes.

"These extra services will be a welcome boost for the North West. They'll provide more travel options for customers on the busy corridors linking Blacktown, Castle Hill and the M2 with Macquarie Park where customer demand for travel to Macquarie Park for employment, education and retail continues to grow," Mr Elliott said.

An additional 150 off-peak and afternoon services were also introduced on these routes earlier this year.

"We know North-West Sydney is booming and demand for public transport is increasing. While we get on with building the Sydney Metro North West, we need to do what we can in the meantime to ensure customers in the Hills district have a sufficient level of bus services to help them get to where they need to go," Mr Williams said

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"Customers will be notified of the new services in advance and I encourage all customers to plan their journey ahead of time."

Customers can go online and use the trip planner at transportnsw.info.

They can also plan trips by downloading real-time transport apps, and North West customers can receive bus service updates for their area by following the new Transport Info Twitter handle @BusesNorthWest. Alternatively, they can call 131 500.

Sydney bus customers, including those in the North-West, will also benefit from around 3,800 new weekly trips as recently announced as part of the 2016/17 Growth Bus Services Program.

Since March 2011, the NSW Government has delivered more than 15,800 extra weekly public transport services for customers.

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