



# Anoulack Chanthivong MP

## MEMBER FOR MACQUARIE FIELDS

**The Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP**  
**Premier of NSW**  
**Via email**

15 November 2021

Dear Premier,

A key long-standing issue in my electorate that constituents regularly raise with me is the urgent need for a lift at Macquarie Fields Station.

There are 70 steps at Macquarie Fields Station and a lift is long overdue.

People in my electorate with disability, the elderly, those with mobility issues and people with prams are forced to travel to Glenfield or Ingleburn Station to catch the train. This is wrong and unacceptable.

My community is outraged that the NSW Liberal Government has consistently failed to fund much-needed transport infrastructure. What's worse is the politicisation of station upgrades.

One example is Hawkesbury River Station, in a Liberal-held electorate, which has two new lifts. There are a less than 1000 weekly Opal trips at Hawkesbury River Station. Yet there approximately 10,000 and potentially more weekly Opal trips at Macquarie Fields Station.

A NSW Auditor General's report slammed the Liberal Government for politicising station upgrades.

The Liberal Government's shameless political bias of station upgrades is deceitful, grossly unfair and totally incomprehensible.

I note that you "disagreed" with comments made by your predecessor Gladys Berejiklian last year when she was Premier that pork barrelling was "not illegal".

In fact, you said: "My belief is whatever community you are in you should have access to the best health care, the best education, the best public transport." (*Sydney Morning Herald, 31 October 2021*)

Given your comments, will you put a stop to the politicisation of station upgrades? Will the Liberal Government fund a long overdue lift and upgrade for Macquarie Fields Station?



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My community is repeatedly overlooked when it comes to fair access to railway station upgrades. It is shameful that in 2021 a major suburban train station on the Airport line has no lift and no wheelchair access.

All we want is our fair share and a lift a Macquarie Fields Station.

I would be grateful for your advice on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anoulack Chanthivong'.

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**Member for Macquarie Fields**