



# Anoulack Chanthivong MP

MEMBER FOR MACQUARIE FIELDS

**The Hon. A.J. Constance MP**  
**Minister for Transport and Infrastructure**  
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30 July 2018

Dear Minister,

I write on behalf of the hundreds of people in my electorate who experience accessibility issues due to the lack of a lift at Macquarie Fields Station.

I have previously written to you on multiple occasions and asked numerous Questions on Notice about this issue. My requests for information on the ranking of Macquarie Fields Station in the Transport Access Program have been ignored.

Unfortunately, the Liberal Government once again failed to fund a much-needed upgrade to Macquarie Fields Station in the 2018-19 Budget.

I was appalled to recently hear Cabinet Minister Matt Kean boasting that political “skulduggery and manoeuvring” resulted in his local station Hawkesbury River Station being “bumped up” 150 spots on the Transport Access Program to receive a lift upgrade.

Most recently available weekly Opal patronage data shows that 7607 people accessed Macquarie Fields Station, compared to only 861 people using Hawkesbury River Station. It makes no sense that Hawkesbury River Station, which has only a small fraction of the patronage of Macquarie Fields station, gets an immediate upgrade whilst a busier train station misses out – yet again.

My office has been inundated by urgent requests for a lift at Macquarie Fields station. The frail and elderly, people with disability, parents with prams and travellers with luggage are unable to use Macquarie Fields station without a lift. This is unacceptable.

The people of south west Sydney are simply asking for their fair share.

As a matter of urgency, please advise when the Liberal Government will rectify this unacceptable lack of access at Macquarie Fields Station.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anoulack Chanthivong', followed by a period.

**Anoulack Chanthivong MP**  
**Member for Macquarie Fields**