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Mr Stephen Stead  
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Dear Stephen,

Re: The Western Link – a high-speed link between Lithgow and Western Sydney Airport

A safe, efficient and reliable transport route from Western Sydney to Central Western NSW is long overdue from the viewpoint of the Mudgee Chamber of Commerce.

The benefits for regional and rural NSW are far reaching, just as they are for the Greater Sydney Basin:

- Enhanced economic capacity of businesses and communities west of the Blue Mountains.
- Increased tourism opportunities for Central Western NSW, with an added positive impact to the hospitality and tourism economy as well as the many businesses that support it.
- More timely and efficient access to the large food and produce producing areas of regional NSW, allowing for improved food security and providing opportunity to reinvigorate agriculture.
- Decentralisation of large government organisations, boosting employment opportunities in the local area.
- Lower freight costs which currently adversely impact retail businesses.
- Safer travel reducing the road toll and its subsequent impact as more and more Sydneysiders travel regionally, especially with the heightened awareness of what there is on offer in Central Western NSW with international travel currently on hold due to COVID-19.

The current transport corridors do not offer all these benefits, and expansion of these corridors will fail to remove much of the current issues.

The Mudgee Chamber of Commerce wholeheartedly supports the Western Link proposal.

Your sincerely,



Alison Broinowski  
President, Mudgee Chamber of Commerce