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Mr Stephen Stead  
The Western Link  
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Dear Stephen,

The Bathurst Business Chamber writes to reaffirm our support for The Western Link initiative.

For decades, the issue of a high-speed, reliable, safe, and efficient road link between the NSW Central West and Metropolitan Sydney has been on and off the political agenda. Businesses operating West of the Blue Mountains have long been calling for such a link. The benefits to business, communities and NSW in general are evident, as demonstrated by the booming regional economies to the North and South of Sydney and linked by major motorways.

Recently, Regional Express have flagged their intention to reduce or remove services in and out of Bathurst. Such changes would place greater pressure on local businesses, and place further limitations on options for accessing Greater Sydney.

To mitigate the impact of future changes to air and rail transport options, the Bathurst Business Chamber strongly supports the push for a fit-for-purpose carriageway crossing the Blue Mountains.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or our President, Catherine Fitzsimons, if the Chamber can be of further assistance.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Irvine', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Matthew Irvine  
Secretary  
Bathurst Business Chamber