



The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP

Member for Vacluse



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\$100 MILLION UPGRADE FOR EASTERN SUBURBS RAIL LINE

Vacluse MP Gabrielle Upton today announced that the NSW Government has committed to contracts worth around \$100 million to deliver important upgrades to Sydney's rail network between Erskineville and Bondi Junction, on the T4 Eastern Suburbs line.

Ms Upton said the upgrades include the installation of a new digital system which will allow trains to run more frequently and ensure a faster network recovery after incidents.

"I welcome this multi-million dollar investment in our busy train network so services are faster and more frequent and can even better cope with future demand," Ms Upton said.

"Installing digital signalling means that when an incident happens, the network can recover more quickly with reduced delays, which is great news for residents who regularly use the train to get to Bondi Junction, the CBD and beyond."

Minister for Transport and Roads Andrew Constance said, "While traditional signals have served Sydney well for many decades, they are fixed at set locations and limit the railway from operating at its full potential.

"The new technology allows continual electronic communication between the track and train, ensuring network controllers can build in extra network capacity. Trains can therefore safely run closer together and, once installed across the network, additional services will be able to meet projected future demand."

Construction between Erskineville and Bondi Junction will begin later this year, with the new system expected to begin operations in early 2024.

The works are part of the Digital Systems Program that will progressively replace legacy signalling and train control technologies with modern, internationally proven, intelligent systems to boost safety, capacity and reliability on the network.

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