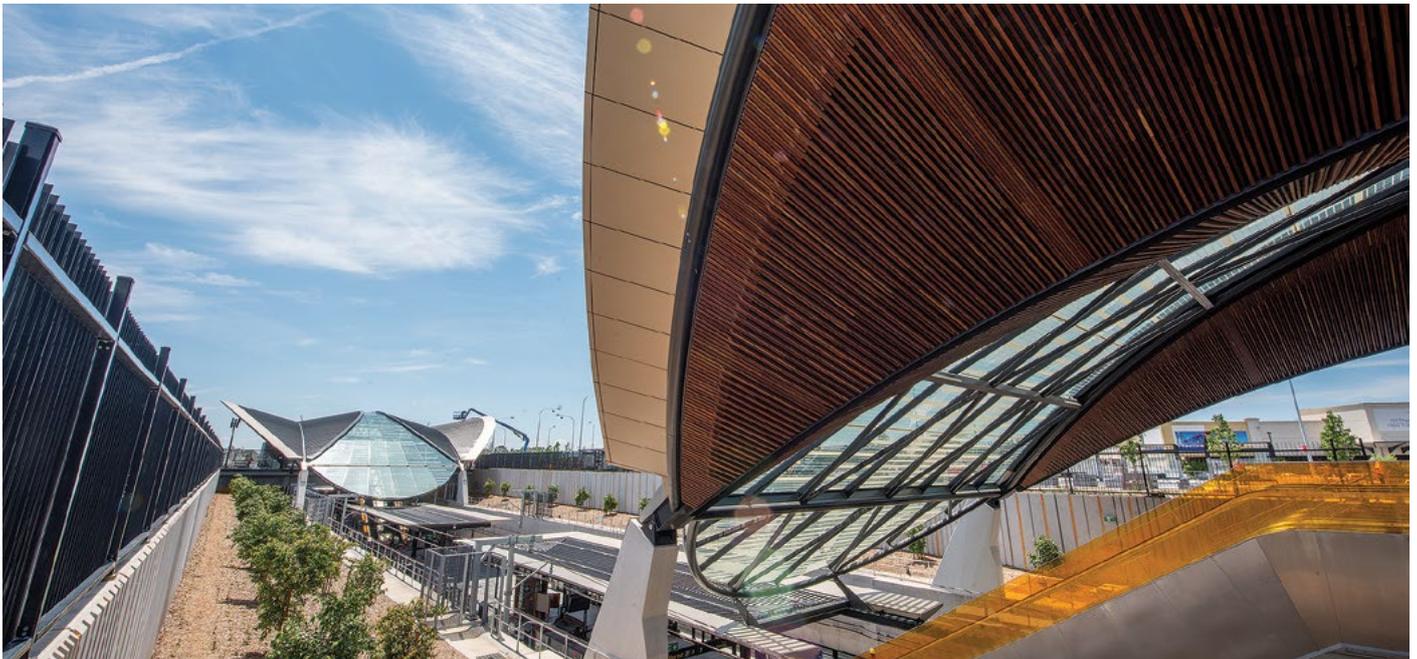


# Improving local pedestrian access to Bella Vista Station precinct



Bella Vista Station

The \$8.3 billion Sydney Metro Northwest is the first stage of Sydney Metro – Australia’s biggest public transport project. The project is delivering eight new railway stations, 23 kilometres of new track, 4000 commuter parking spaces and Sydney’s new generation of safe, reliable and fully automated metro trains. It will start operating in the second quarter of 2019.

Construction works on the future stations is continuing, track laying is complete and 12 of the 22 trains have been delivered and are currently undergoing testing. Activity is now focused on completing the stations and precinct works.

## Proposed Glenwood pedestrian link

**The new Bella Vista Station will service the Norwest Business Park, local residential areas and the future Bella Vista Station precinct.**

As part of the Bella Vista Station works, Sydney Metro is constructing a pedestrian bridge across Old Windsor Road to allow pedestrians and cyclists to safely and conveniently access the station precinct.

Sydney Metro proposed the construction of a new pedestrian and bicycle pathway between Swansea Court/ Sharrock Avenue and the existing shared path along Old Windsor Road to improve walking and cycling access to the new pedestrian bridge and Bella Vista Station from the Glenwood residential area.

## Proposal approval

A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) was prepared to assess the likely impacts on the environment from the construction and operation of the Glenwood Pedestrian Link. The proposal has now been approved, subject to a number of measures to manage any potential impacts. No date has been set for construction.

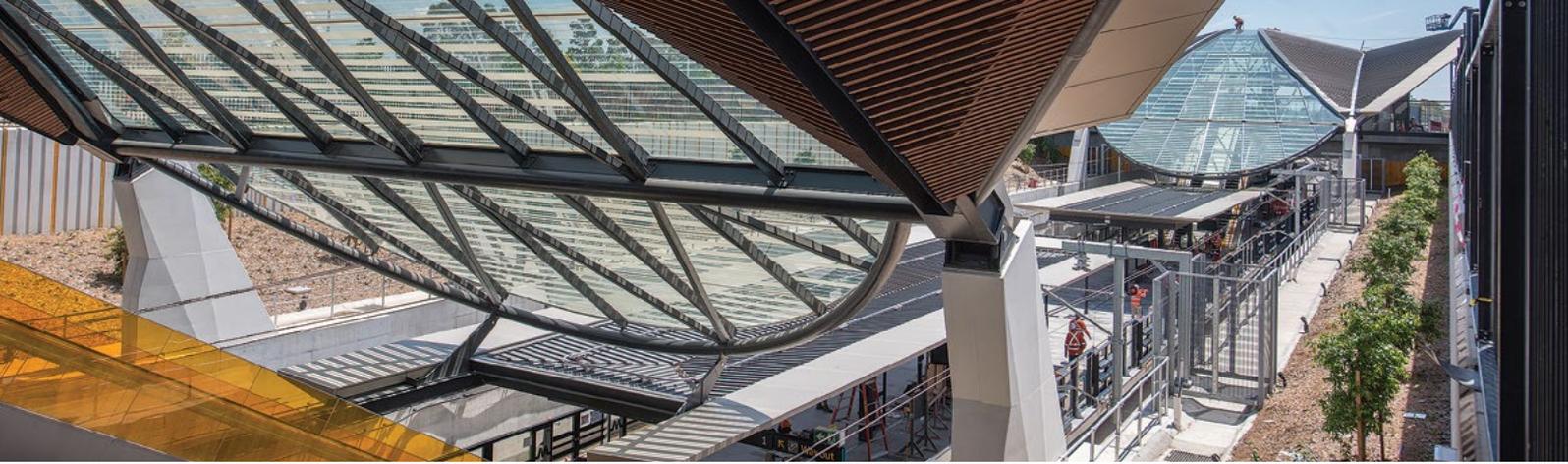
Sydney Metro has started monitoring traffic and parking conditions in the vicinity of the proposed link and will continue this monitoring for another 12 months after Sydney Metro services commence. Sydney Metro will also monitor pedestrian and cyclist demand between Glenwood and Bella Vista Station.

Sydney Metro is also in the process of securing a property in Swansea Court to safeguard for the future construction of the link.

The potential impacts identified in the REF and raised in community submissions have been considered and a range of management and mitigation measures has been proposed.

## New and faster services

Bella Vista Station to:	Sydney Metro (indicative travel time)
Macquarie University Station	19 minutes
Chatswood Station	30 minutes
Wynyard Station	50 minutes, includes Chatswood interchange



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## Review of Environmental Factors (REF)

The REF was exhibited for public comment for a period of six weeks between April and May 2018. The REF was available online to view or download. Printed copies were available in local Council libraries. A newsletter was distributed to Glenwood residents (approximately 4500 properties) in April 2018. Community information sessions were also held at Glenwood Village shopping centre on 11 April, 5 May and 10 May 2018. More than 200 people attended the information sessions to discuss the proposal with Sydney Metro team members.

Sydney Metro received 51 submissions to the REF from a range of stakeholders. The key concerns raised by the community focused on traffic and parking, the design of the pedestrian link, property and personal safety, and noise impacts.

The issues raised in community, stakeholder and agency submissions received during the public exhibition of the REF, as well as Sydney Metro's response to these issues, have been compiled into a Submissions Report. The Submissions Report also provides an overview of the REF prepared for the proposal; consultation activities carried out before, and during, the public exhibition of the REF and details on additional investigations that have taken place since exhibition of the REF. You can view the REF and Submissions Report online at [sydneymetro.info](http://sydneymetro.info)

## Benefits of the proposal

**Constructing a new link in conjunction with the pedestrian bridge will result in improved access and reduced walking times for local residents within proximity to Bella Vista Station.**

Pedestrian access between the Glenwood residential area and the new pedestrian bridge is currently blocked by one kilometre of continuous property fences and noise barriers along Old Windsor Road, restricting the number of residents able to walk to and from the new Bella Vista Station precinct.

The new link will mean that an estimated 700 Glenwood households – and two local schools, Glenwood High School and Parklea Public School – will be within a 15 minute walk of the new station precinct. An even greater number of households will be within a short cycling distance. Residents who will currently have a 25-30 minute walk at average pace will be able to walk to the new Bella Vista station in less than 15 minutes.



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## Frequently asked questions

### What is the determination?

Sydney Metro has determined that there is a need for improved access for Glenwood residents to Bella Vista Station precinct and as a result, has approved the proposal for a pedestrian link to be constructed between the Old Windsor Road shared path and Sharrock Avenue/Swansea Court, Glenwood.

### When will you start construction?

The pedestrian link will not be constructed before the start of Sydney Metro services, which will start operating in the second quarter of 2019. Sydney Metro is in the process of securing a property in Swansea Court to safeguard for the future construction of the pedestrian link.

### How will you address parking concerns in the surrounding area?

Sydney Metro will continue to monitor traffic and parking conditions in Glenwood after the construction of the pedestrian link. Sydney Metro will provide the results of the monitoring to Blacktown City Council and will work with Council to identify where parking mitigation measures may be required.

## Next steps

**Sydney Metro will write to the community members and organisations who made a submission to the Glenwood Pedestrian Link REF. This correspondence will include details on how to identify their issue in this Submissions Report, as well as contact details to obtain further information.**

Sydney Metro will monitor existing conditions and any changes as a result of the commencement of Sydney Metro services. This will include pedestrian and cyclist demand to the station precinct, the continued availability of other access routes, impacts to other properties, and traffic and parking conditions in the local area. In safeguarding for future community access, Sydney Metro will be able to address these issues when or if they arise.

Sydney Metro will continue to engage with the community and government agencies during the proposal's detailed design and construction stages.

## Find out more

For more information or to register for email updates contact the project team on:

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