

Glossary

This glossary is provided to clarify specialised terminology used in this book and other Sydney Metro Northwest publications.

Down	Railway description of direction for a train travelling away from Central Station. For example, a train travels from Epping in the down direction to Rouse Hill. (See 'Up').
Dwell time	The amount of time a train stands at a station while passengers get on or off.
ECRL	Epping to Chatswood Rail Link.
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement.
ESD	Ecologically Sustainable Development. Using, conserving and enhancing the community's resources so that the ecological processes, on which life depends, are maintained and the total quality of life, now and in the future, can be increased.
Global Economic Corridor	Macquarie Park – Chatswood – North Sydney – Central Business District – Airport.
Heavy rail	Typical modern rail system for freight or large passenger trains. This includes both the existing Sydney Trains system as well as the metro transit system, of which Sydney Metro Northwest will be the first stage.
Hills M2	The Hills Motorway Limited, the company responsible for the operation and maintenance of the M2 Motorway. Hills M2 is a wholly owned subsidiary of Transurban Limited.
Kiss and ride	A spot where cars can pull up and drop off passengers near a public transport stop.
Laydown area	An area designated for the temporary storage of equipment and supplies.
M2 Motorway	M2 Motorway, which extends from the M7 Motorway/Abbott Road to the Lane Cove Tunnel including carriageways, ramps and associated structures and infrastructure.
North West Rail Link	The North West Rail Link became known as Sydney Metro Northwest in June 2015. Sydney Metro Northwest is stage 1 of Sydney Metro, Sydney's new stand alone rail network.
Commuter Car Park	A car park near a public transport stop for use by commuters.
PAD	Potential Archaeological Deposit.
PA	Public Address System.
Precinct	Stations and land in vicinity of the stations, including station design and amenity, integrated transport facilities, pedestrian links and access facilities, traffic and parking, public domain amenities and improvements, retail and commercial development associated with rail, other development, and other matters ancillary to the operation of rail/associated transport.
Rail customers along the alignment	A Transport for New South Wales term for potential users of trains.
Running tunnels	The portion of tunnel that would house the railway tracks – that is where the trains run. Other tunnel types include tunnels for crossovers and turnbacks, cross passages and connections to maintenance facilities.
Substation	A facility that controls the flow of electricity by switching, changing, or regulating electric voltage.
Stabling facility	A facility for the stabling of trains.
Stub tunnels	A short section of tunnel which links to a main tunnel. The new Sydney Metro Northwest tunnels will commence from the existing stub tunnels at Epping.
TBM	Tunnel Boring Machine.
TfNSW	Transport for New South Wales.
T-way	A bus Transitway.
Up	Railway description of direction for a train travelling toward Central Station. For example, a train travels from Rouse Hill in the up direction to Epping. (See 'Down').
VMS	Variable Message Sign.