



# Gladys Berejiklian MP

Minister for Transport

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### **ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADE FOR REDFERN STATION**

Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian today announced the NSW Government will make trains at Redfern Station accessible to customers in wheelchairs and parents with prams for the first time.

Ms Berejiklian said the improvements were part of the \$770 million Transport Access Program – a NSW Government initiative to deliver real improvements for public transport customers which has more than 100 projects underway or completed.

A tender has been issued for a concept design to provide lift access to one platform at Redfern, allowing customers to access all train lines via Central Station, Ms Berejiklian said.

“At the moment it is virtually impossible for people in wheelchairs to access trains at Redfern, and extremely difficult for parents with prams and the elderly, so this is a good start to ensure all customers can access the network at Redfern,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“Redfern Station is a major transport hub on the network, with 50,000 customers passing through the station every day and this project will ensure we can provide access to everyone.

“Redfern is a large station with many challenges - obviously there is considerable planning work being undertaken at the moment which involves examining the future of this important precinct and the rail corridor - however lift access to Redfern is a pressing issue and I feel it is so important we act now to address it.”

Transport for NSW is investigating which platform to provide lift access to, and also works to address other issues such as ageing infrastructure, congestion on platforms and better integration of the station into the surrounding Redfern area.

City of Sydney councillor Christine Forster, a strong advocate for the project, welcomed the Government’s progress.

“This is such an important issue for the local community and the announcement of plans to install a lift at Redfern is very welcome after years of inaction by the previous State Government,” she said.

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