

*How the options will be assessed*

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Assessment criteria</b>
<b>Customer Focus</b>	Deliver high-quality, customer-focused services that prioritise frequency, journey time and reliability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequency</li> <li>• Reliability</li> <li>• Journey time</li> </ul>
<b>Connectivity &amp; City Shaping</b>	Develop a rail network that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equitably improves access to services and opportunities</li> <li>• Supports Sydney's long-term housing needs</li> <li>• Shapes the location of housing and employment to achieve more efficient development, including release of lands for housing and employment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connect households to services and opportunities</li> <li>• Improve connections to the regional centres within the Sydney Metropolitan Region</li> <li>• Promote opportunities for urban renewal</li> <li>• Provides connections to a Western Sydney Airport appropriate to demand</li> </ul>
<b>Network Capacity</b>	Provide the capacity and flexibility required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cater for predicted demand</li> <li>• Shape Sydney's growing demand for transport</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-vehicle capacity (the number of people who can comfortably travel in each carriage)</li> <li>• Station capacity</li> <li>• Train-path capacity</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental Sustainability</b>	Grow the proportion of travel by sustainable modes, ease congestion and improve asset utilisation and energy efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grow the proportion of travel by rail</li> <li>• Contribute to improving the energy efficiency of the transport sector</li> </ul>
<b>Productivity</b>	Contribute to and facilitate the sustainable and efficient economic development of Sydney's metropolitan region and a Western Sydney Airport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce travel time to knowledge hubs and high-productivity centres</li> <li>• Facilitate rather than hinder increased freight on rail</li> </ul>
<b>Social Inclusion</b>	Support Western Sydney communities through providing more transport choice and opportunities to contribute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase accessibility to high-value employment and education</li> </ul>
<b>Financial Sustainability</b>	Ensure the government has the financial capacity to meet the growing demand for infrastructure and services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital and whole-of-life costs, including operations and maintenance</li> <li>• Ability to use value sharing as part of a comprehensive funding solution</li> <li>• Impact on timing of funding being available</li> <li>• Affordability</li> </ul>
<b>Delivery Risk</b>	Modernise Sydney's rail network in a responsible and seamless way that minimises disruptions to the travelling public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimise project delivery risks</li> <li>• Minimise construction impact on residents, important community facilities and open spaces</li> <li>• Minimise operational impact during construction</li> </ul>
<b>Safety</b>	All options will be designed to meet minimum safety requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure members of the public, passengers and employees can travel safely each day</li> <li>• Safety legislation and regulation will be the baseline for all operations</li> </ul>