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RE: New CEO for Metro North West Line Operator

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Metro Trains Sydney, the operator of the Metro North West Line, has appointed Mr Daniel Williams as its new Chief Executive Officer.

He will officially take over as CEO today, following the departure of Mr Nigel Holness, who has been appointed Managing Director of the MTR Elizabeth Line in London.

Mr Williams brings nearly three decades of working in senior leadership roles across complex and game-changing infrastructure projects in the United Kingdom, North America, and Australasia.

He was recently the Program Director for the Aurecon Jacobs Mott MacDonald Joint Venture that is providing strategic and technical advice for Melbourne's \$50 billion Suburban Rail Loop.

Mr Williams said he is looking forward to leading the MTS team to its next milestone – operating and maintaining the extension of the Metro North West Line from Chatswood to Bankstown, in the city's south-west, via the Sydney Business District. It is scheduled to open in 2024.

"It is an honour to be part of this historic transport project that is providing the next generation of rail travel to the people of Sydney," he said.

"It's exciting to see the NSW Government's substantial commitment to public transport that is supporting economic growth for the state and connecting people to opportunities."

Mr Williams paid tribute to Mr Holness for steering the organisation through the first 22 months of operating Australia's first driverless railway from the initial challenging operational phase to delivering exceptional reliability and customer satisfaction results.

The Metro North West Line has recorded more than 27 million customer journeys since it opened on 26 May 2019.

About Sydney Metro North West:

Sydney Metro is the first fully automated metro in Australia. It is the biggest urban rail infrastructure investment in the nation's history.

In 2024, Sydney Metro will be extended from the city's North West under Sydney Harbour, through new CBD stations and beyond to Sydenham and Bankstown. Sydney will have 31 Metro railway stations and a new 66-kilometre-long standalone metro railway.

About Metro Trains Sydney:

With a world-class international heritage, Metro Trains Sydney (MTS) is an entity powered by common shareholders in MTR Corporation, John Holland Group, and UGL Rail. MTS brings a wealth of expertise and a history of innovation to transport systems around the world.

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