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Plans for the west make no sense.

Off the rails (title as published on-line)

The news that the NSW government's plan for upgrading public transport facilities in Sydney's west has blown out by \$2.5 billion defies belief ("Baird's bad news week: \$2.5b rail blowout", October 16).

This announcement comes before a sod has even been turned. We can be certain that the final cost will far exceed the revised estimate. How could it be so far out?

The other proposal for western Sydney's development is the removal of the Powerhouse Museum in Ultimo to Parramatta. The cost of this is another example of government waste. The museum is very popular.

The large majority of its visitors come from inner city residents and tourists. Few of these will travel all the way to Parramatta.

Furthermore, the disruption to the museum coupled with the loss of revenue during the changeover period will be immense. Many experienced staff will be lost. The whole concept makes no sense whatsoever and has not been properly thought through.

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