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New line linked to city network

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A series of explosions yesterday connected the Eastern Suburbs Railway tunnel to Town Hall Station.

The NSW Minister for Transport, Mr Morris, and the Victorian Minister for Transport, Mr V. F. Wilcox, were present at the breakthrough of the Domain and Martin Place tunnels into the present city network.

Mr Morris said the Government had spent \$24-million on the Eastern Suburbs Railway so far.

Trains would be running to Edgecliff in 1973, Bondi Junction in 1974 and Kingsford in 1977.

In the Legislative Assembly yesterday, Mr Morris said there had been some concern about the location of a station at Woolloomooloo. Replying to a question from Mr A. R. Sloss (Lab, King), he said: "The station programmed for Kings Cross, less than half a mile away, was considered to be adequate, but it was put to me following a meeting with certain developers that there was a need for a station at Woolloomooloo."

"I think there is and there has been a substantial offer made by the developers to incorporate a railway station in this area."

"The working population

in this area will double and it is anticipated 15,000 people will be working within a few hundred yards of a proposed Woolloomooloo station in the next three or four years.

"Shortly I will be in a position to make a recommendation to Cabinet on this and I hope Mr Sloss will be pleased with the decision that is ultimately made."

Mr Morris and Mr Wilcox held talks earlier in the day on common transport problems.

The ministers said in a statement it was disturbing that Australia was the only developed country in the free world where the central Government did not contribute towards the cost of urban public transport works.

They said they would make a joint approach to the Commonwealth for assistance for the Eastern Suburbs Railway and the Melbourne Underground Loop to supplement the individual submissions made by the two Governments.

They said: "If you stand on the tallest building in Sydney and then the tallest building in Melbourne you can see 75 per cent of Australia's population."

The ministers said the Commonwealth was spending \$250 million a year in assisting the States to build

roads, but there was "not a razoo" for urban rapid transport.



PC Ring McNeil

Tell him about Jay article in F.R. 27.4.71
and Fryckberg article in SMH 3.5.71
ask him how the Minister can be mislead
into making statements so obviously wrong