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### **Greens candidate supports calls for increased access to Redfern Station**

**Sydney, 22 August, 2012** - Dr Mehreen Faruqi has called for the community to turn out in support the Lift Redfern campaign whilst Parliament debates the issue on Thursday 23 August.

"It's been a huge effort from many diverse community activists to collect the signatures in such a quick time, it shows just how fed-up locals are about the years of inaction on this."

"This is just the latest stage in a campaign that has run 20 years. The Government needs to listen and heed these calls for action."

"Not only is Redfern Station surrounded by increasingly dense development, but the Technology Park, the University and other drivers are bringing large numbers of workers and students into the area. How many people can't access education or jobs because they can't use the stairs at Redfern Station?"

"As a major transport hub, Redfern needs lift access. Redfern also needs transport exchange facilities as part of an integrated transport system. It is unacceptable for a modern 21st century city like Sydney to not have accessibility at such a major train station, said Dr Faruqi.

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Dr Mehreen Faruqi is the NSW Greens candidate for the 2012 Heffron by-election. She is a civil/environmental engineer and sustainability expert who has worked in numerous senior roles at universities, consulting firms and in local government. Mehreen is currently an Associate Professor at the University of NSW and lives in Alexandria with her husband and two children.

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