



London First letter to the media:

The PPP Arbiter should be allowed to bring greater transparency and independent oversight of Metronet's contracts.

Dear Sir

Transparency is key to ensuring that the many billions of pounds of passenger and taxpayer money are being well spent, until our capital's oft-unloved Underground can meet 21st Century needs ('Tube Lines and TfL dispute threatens £30bn LU improvement', Guardian, 1/6/2009). London's growth and a large proportion of future UK economic success depends on effective delivery by both Tube Lines and the former Metronet, now in direct ownership of Transport for London. Neither should escape the intense scrutiny of Mr Bolt, the Tube PPP independent Arbiter, who alone can make impartial sense of these hideously complicated contracts.

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