



Scarce map of the Sydney Underground based on Beck's iconic design

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Railway Map. Sydney Suburban and City Underground Railway.

Sydney: Waite & Bull for the Commissioner for Railways, 1939. Colour-printed leaflet map, sheet 165 x 245mm.

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A map of the railways serving Sydney, with the design copied from Henry C. Beck's iconic London Underground map of 1933, despite only four stations being sub-surface. On the back is a street map showing the entrances to those four stations (St James, Museum, Wynyard and Town Hall) and a logo copying London's red ring and 'Underground' lettering. Mysteriously this is the only issue of this map: either it was unpopular with public (unlike the original) or the Commissioner for Railways did not have permission to use London Transport's designs and were prevented reissuing it.

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