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INQUIRY INTO THE IMPACT OF THE CBD AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL PROJECT

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The newly established Upper House Public Accountability Committee has commenced an inquiry into the impact of the CBD and South East Light Rail project. The inquiry will review the adequacy of the government's response to the financial and social impact of the project on residents and businesses in the vicinity of the light rail route.

The Committee Chairman, Revd the Hon Fred Nile MLC, said "the committee is concerned about the significant impact the protracted construction project has had, and continues to have, on businesses and residents located in and around this project."

Revd Nile continued, "this inquiry will examine the adequacy of the government's communication to all affected stakeholders and the financial support provided to compensate local businesses for the disruption. The committee is keen to engage with all stakeholders and encourages submissions from interested groups, organisations and individuals.

The closing date for submissions is Sunday 8 July 2018. Public hearings will be held in August and September. The committee is due to report on 1 December 2018.

For further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, please visit the committee's website at: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/publicaccountability.

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