

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

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I believe that the CBD and South East Light Rail project will not benefit the Community once complete, and that a number of bus routes currently scheduled to be removed will need to return in order to cope with demand and satisfy the travel needs of the community, particularly those travelling from the Randwick Council area. The construction of the Light Rail has caused years of clogged roads, making travel times longer, especially during peak bus services to/from the city. It was very disappointing to see the removal of trees, thus losing much of the beauty along the route, as those removed trees (ever growing in number) will not be able to be replaced along the route. The parking losses are also making it very difficult for businesses along the light rail route to survive during the construction period. The current and ongoing traffic changes will create congestion on roads that were once quiet, and the loss of capacity on a significant road such as Anzac Parade will have ripple affects all throughout the eastern suburbs. I cannot see how the project will have a net benefit to the community given it's limited capacity of basically removing the buses and placing them on tracks, at a significant cost to the community when underground rail might have been a more viable option.