

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

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As a cyclist and commuter, riding my bike from Maroubra to the city since the start of the light rail project has been a nightmare. To say the least. Not only is the route being constantly changed having to swap sides of the road but the actual cycle ways and paths are being dug up and re-laid regularly but not being finished to a level and flat smooth standard which is making for a most uncomfortable ride. Combined with the fact of the sad, unjustified, expedited and un-consulted loss of many old trees of cultural and heritage significance along Alison road and Anzac parade, the once relatively pleasant cycle trip into town has turned most unpleasant and into more of a \$hitfight:( It really begs the question as to why the State government didn't spend a bit more money and put the rail underground??? When Sydney is the ONLY international city in the western world that doesn't have an underground metro system... And this, when Sydney is based and sits on the best natural material to build such a metro system. Sydney Sandstone. Strong, solid and easy to bore and work with. Hence my lack of faith in the so called leaders of today:(:( Also, when studies have proved and shown that upon completion, the light rail will be at capacity!?!? When Sydney's population is only ever going to increase! Where is the forward thinking and vision amongst the 'leaders' and 'politicians'??? All this chaos on the roads and cycle ways and the interruptions to the many business' along the routes could easily have been avoided if we went underground. Be great to see a back-flip, start the planning all over again, spend the dollars and go underground for a world class metro system that can be expanded in the future along with Sydney's inevitable growth. For example, Londons Underground, better known as "The Tube".