

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

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We live not far from Devonshire Street and the construction of the light rail has imposed a number of negative impacts on our household including-

1. Dust Impacts - Respiratory issues - these have been particularly bad in dry or windy periods. Our worst experience was when all the members of our household developed a persistent cough for a period of at least 6 weeks in August/September last year. This has never occurred previously and we have lived here for many years. One member also developed asthma which has never been diagnosed previously. We wrote to Altrac about these problems in late September 2017. We were also concerned that we may be being exposed to toxic dust or chemicals with dust from drilling into asphalt or other activities. Altrac assured us that there was no problem but we remain unconvinced. - Our cars are constantly covered in dust from the construction works. On one occasion this was thick, sticky dust that was very difficult to remove.
2. Noise and sleep disturbance We have experienced ongoing impacts from construction noise creating constant irritation of varying degrees. This has interfered with both our working and residential lives. We have also had intermittent sleep disturbance impacts as construction is frequently permitted to occur from 6pm throughout the night.
3. Parking The Light Rail has had a huge impact on the number of parking spaces available. More parking needs to be made available as a matter of urgency. Locals are forced to drive round and round the block, often for 20 minutes or more, hoping that a parking space will become available, creating great inconvenience, stress, anger and increased traffic congestion and pollution on a daily basis.
4. Traffic Congestion There has been a huge increase in traffic congestion in Crown Street. Cars are often cued for blocks on either side of Devonshire Street.
5. Loss of Parks The loss of local parks and green space has caused overcrowding in remaining parks which are unpleasant and congested.
- 6.. Stress The construction has placed local residents under significant, long-term pressure due to the multiple negative impacts it imposes on amenity seven days per week. This, combined with the extended period of construction is causing significant stress for residents and business in the area. Thank you for considering my submission.