

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

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As a resident of Surry Hills for the last 16 years I have to say I am appalled and saddened to see how the suburb has been damaged and negatively impacted since construction of the Light Rail began. To see the demise of Devonshire Street, a once attractive and bustling street filled with restaurants, cafes, and most importantly trees is nothing more than a shambles. One by one I have witnessed businesses close their doors for good as they are unable to survive due to the extreme levels of building work going on outside their premises. What is most sad though is the destruction of the trees. Slowly but surely I witnessed the most beautiful and healthy trees being chopped down and I have to say it was genuinely upsetting. For a city that supposedly prides itself on its greenery and eco friendliness this was disastrous! The areas all along the Light rail project whether in Surry Hills or in the CBD, or further out to Randwick have been destroyed. To read in the press about the complete mismanagement of the project, and to see one by one how the targets and deadlines for each stage of the project have been missed is disgraceful. It is evident that the project thus far is a failure, and the negative impact that it has had on the neighbourhood is appalling. I trust this inquiry will be treated with the upmost seriousness, and that all parties involved in the Light Rail construction will be held accountable for their actions.