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

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The work on light Rail has been a disaster for some highly effective and valued businesses in Surry Hills. The Book Kitchen is a particularly good example. The BK was a first rate cafe/restaurant. It was a hub for local residents and attracted others to the area. The never-ending Rail works cut off easy access and parking entirely, thus strangling business. The works have gone on for so long that they have sliced through a community - they should have run underground along Cleveland-cutting one half of the suburb from the other. The 'Village' is no longer a single identity, an identity which is vital in an increasingly important in a digital age. Heavy works trucks pound through the streets in the early hours of the morning to the open scar, rattling windows and leaving a trail of noise, dirt, dust and noise pollution to filter through windows in narrow streets like Riley St. The mountains of sand in Moore Park end up inside our houses when the wind blows. The project has been going on for years and yet so little progress has been made in Surry Hills that it seems fair to say that it's at a standstill. The continued impact of the project is unacceptable. Yours sincerely,
Helen Parker