

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

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SUBMISSION: SYDNEY EAST LIGHT RAIL CONSTRUCTION

RESIDENT: ANZAC PARADE KENSINGTON NSW 2033

ISSUE/S: 1- NOICE, 2- DISRUPTION, 3- UNSAVE ENVIRONMENT, 4- HABITAT DESTROYED

NOISE:

1/1.- Until 9th of March of 2018, I had lived on this rented house for over eleven years. This dwelling was our home for my adult son (28) and myself. (My son had been diagnosed with PTSD due to childhood trauma). My son's part-time job requires him to do some work from home. I am an interpreter and translator by trade also do some telephone interpreting when required plus book writing and many other administrative and similar tasks.

1/2.- I had chosen KENSINGTON NSW 2033 as my dwelling place in 2005 because of A)family reasons, needed closeness to the elder son's property, B) the house was closed to CBD and other business centres such as RANDWICK and BONDI JUNCTION, C) Location had excellent public transport, D) Location was tranquil and peaceful. Although located on a 'main road' as Anzac Parade was and is, the peak hour traffic was never an issue, that maybe sound softened and cushioned by a large Vegetation and Fauna Centennial Park and surrounding centennial figs trees blocking away most of sound.

1/3.- In middle May 2017, I was suddenly wakened up around 01:00 AM by a loud machinery sound closed by home. I went out to check: It was the sound of a jackhammer machine, breaking the middle road separation concrete stream of Anzac Parade. The Noise was unbelievably loud, it resonated even louder due to the quietness of the night. (On request I have videos of their work)

1/4.- By my recollection, since above date, Noise Pollution started affecting me and my household at Anzac Pde Kensington NSW 2033. Then on the 29th of May 2017, I managed to get in contact with Roads and Transport NSW Departments, so I could get some further information about what was going on. (attachment 1 Email)

1/5.- From then on I started using their 24/7 1800 775 465 number which have been published for urgent enquiries &/or complaints. But not long after I realized it was just a waste of time. From my perspective, it seems to be similar to a 'call centre', answered by some 'night shift' staff person/s these without any understanding of how to deal with people in distress. They would take personal details of the caller and said they will pass information to people responsible for the working site. They also would give the choice if I wanted to be contacted later by some of the engineers. That also proven to be pointless as their answering always implied words to the effect < Ill pass your concerns to so and so>(Attach 2 SMS or email)

1/6.- The NOISE POLLUTION that my son and I endured was just relentlessness. It involved the use of Heavy Building Machinery Equipment: Concrete Cutters, Jackhammering trucks, Trucks Removing Heavy Concrete Debris, Digging Equipment, Concrete Trucks Pouring Concrete, Concrete Blocks Barriers been Lined Up as Barriers by a Heavy Crane, Road Asphalted, etc, Unfortunately for us, the residents, we noticed a couple of those jobs were done a couple of times over, creating the most Excruciating Noises when Concrete laid 4 weeks earlier needed to be CUT back again and Starting All Same process again! All these related to Anzac Pde, road work.(Videos available at request)

1/7.- NOISE POLLUTION (continued). Road Working Night Shifts would be finished by 5 AM, and immediately by 7 AM, a Day Shift will start. These Light Rail Constructions Shifts created a greater distressing environment due to the longer prolongation of Industrial Noise Pollution leaving me and my household without a respite time for resting and or catching up sleep: SLEEP DEPRAVATION was a result of it. Many times the FOOTPATH UTILITIES would be working a 10 plus Hours Shifts. These Footpath Works involved the 'Marking' of the footpath and the 'Cutting and Digging' of the footpath: Over and Over and Over and Over and Over, etc. : NO equipment to mitigate noise!!!!...(Videos available on request)

1/8.- VIBRATIONS. EERIE Sounds, also accompanied by VIBRATIONS, these would feel as the strength of a TREMOR 3-5 from Richter Scale, the whole house shook with the cracking sound making the experience terrifying as one can feel and hear the roof, walls, windows and ground moving. The walls of the house developed cracks and those old cracks in there, deepens.

1/9.- GENERATORS. The always HUMMING SOUND of a GENERATOR. These most times generating from a TRUCK. These TRUCKS parked right on front of my FRONT Yard, or anywhere these workers pleased. These GENERATORS apart from the NOISE POLLUTION were and are a Health Hazard because of their fumes.

1/10.- SPOTLIGHTS. These Spotlights erected at their 'working located place', but ALSO in FRONT of the Front yard of the house illuminating the Bedrooms as it were Daylight!...

2-DISRUPTION

2/1.- **Bus Stops** were Re-Arranged. Before Sydney Light Rail Constructions started we had a BUS STOP less than 50 metres from my front door, later these had been moved 100 metres to 200metres and also 400 metres.

2/2.- **Anzac Parade Barricades** have SEPARATED the Eastern Part to the Western Part. Therefore pedestrians NO Longer can Cross Anzac Pde as they need to, pedestrians need to walk unnecessarily to specific points watched by ACCIONA's Traffic Controllers Points, these anything between 300-400 metres

2/3.- **Uneven Footpaths** along Anzac Pde, Alison Rd at Moore Park and Kensington is full of uneven footpaths, these extended to paralleled streets such as Doncaster Ave and Todman Ave. This problem affects the normal pedestrian moving.

3. UNSAVE ENVIRONMENT

3/1.- **Uneven Footpath.** As asphalt and or concrete footpaths had been dug several times the surfaces become UNEVEN becoming a health hazard for pedestrians specially with some sort of disability as is common to loose own balance.

3/2.- **Lighting.** Poor streets lighting a health hazard. A shocking corner has been Alison Rd & Anzac Pde.

3/3.-**Dust.**- Great amount of DUST covering everything in its past. Cars , windows, lawn, trees, inside home items and floors, hair, etc. This DUST would be modified at rain or other fluids contact.

3/4.- Staff/ Workers.- Always appeared Higher influx of workers at Night Shifts. A mix of female & males. Many spoken with an Irish accent. Judging by the loudness of their voices and laughter at early hours of the morning plus the carelessness practices of throwing heavy equipment on back of trucks, loud noises of dragging metal over Concrete surfaces, loud and laughter conversations while sitting on the fence of my front yard, etc, it shows me there were NOT On SITE supervisors. Earlier June 2017 I experienced talking to one of the workers on Orange Uniform with a White Helmet, I was asking to speak to a supervisor, other workers pointed me to this 'person, who was getting down' from a working white pick up truck. He was polite at my questions of hours working , maybe 2AM in the morning, as he spoke a very strong smell of liquor was in the air. He was taller than me, his breath came down to my nose. I reported this to one of the authorities.

4. HABITAT DESTROYED

4/1.- **Removal of Hundred Centenary Figs Trees.** These trees were part of Sydney-Australia History. Soldiers had marched through Anzac Parade towards the harbour at the time of war. These trees also gave the style and trademark of the suburb, these were a very distinctive peculiarity and originality of the suburb, i can only describe it as similar to a war zone : DESTROYED

4/2.- **Native Animals have gone or misplaced.** With the removal of trees, the natural fauna was destroyed and animals misplaced. It became normal having possums, fruit bats, and others around one's backyard.

4/3. **Temperature Increased.** Without the canopy of the trees and the increased of concrete surfaces, temperatures have increased in some 3 to 5 degrees especially noticed in the summer season.

4/4. **Flooded footpaths .** Alison Rd between Anzac Pde and Doncaster Ave in Kensington have been a problem.

I have written this Submission based on truthfully experiences and events

Sincerely
08/07/2018

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