

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

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Hello, I am a resident of Steel Street in Surry Hills. My street runs off Devonshire Street on the corner where the Shakespeare Hotel stands. I have lived in Steel Street for 65 years continuously.

I wish it to be known how outraged I am over the impact the work on the Light Rail project has had to our area and community. To begin with there was no genuine consultation with the community, we were told that it would happen and that it was 'not negotiable'. For the past 18 months our area has been ripped apart with no consideration regarding noise, dust safety (including asbestos), conservation of trees or archeological findings.

Numerous businesses that contributed to the culture of the area have either closed or moved elsewhere. The voices, needs and concerns of the 'little people' have been totally disregarded. We are a community in shock whose rights have been trampled on and who have been left to fend for ourselves! Our suburb has been ripped apart and Devonshire Street used as the instrument of destruction. We have no faith or trust in our Lord Mayor who has lied to us and no respect for our premier and her government. It is important that our concerns are understood and that this wanton destruction of our suburb stopped!

With respect  
Vincent Brincat