

**Supplementary
Submission
No 31a**

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

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The Rev. the Hon. F J Nile, MLC
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8 July 2017

Dear Mr Nile,

Impact of CBD & S-E Light Rail Project - Submission

This submission is separate from and in addition to the short submission with attached CD-ROM of photographs that I submitted a few days ago.

Impact on parkland during construction

The amenity of High Cross Park has been significantly reduced by excision of land for a light rail power substation. The older photograph, taken by Google in 2016, shows a number of people enjoying the park. The large area of grass near the camera is being replaced by the concrete top of a substation which is officially described as "underground". While much of the equipment may be below ground level, the top plainly isn't and there will be one or more noisy exhaust fans discharging hot air and presumably fenced off somehow. The newer photograph, taken on 3 July, shows the extent of the substation.

There are other impacts on trees and parkland elsewhere which I am sure will be raised by other submitters.

Operational issues

It is not clear whether your Inquiry can consider impacts which arise after construction. The Committee might like to review <http://fixnswtransport.com/issues.html> which presents a broad range of issues around the project.

Yours faithfully,

(Jim Donovan)