

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

Name: Name suppressed

Date Received: 8 July 2018

Partially
Confidential

MY PERSONAL DETAILS ARE CONFIDENTIAL

Thank you for the opportunity to make a Submission to the Inquiry.

In particular, I am concerned about the impact on local business and communities as a result of the project.

My specific concerns follow:

- Loss of parking, which has removed access for the mobility challenged, such as the elderly. My elderly neighbours have told me how the loss of parking along Anzac Parade has removed their ability to access many services and have social interaction. I have seen how depressed and isolated many of them have become. An example is the complete loss of parking from the Kingsford roundabout area along Anzac Parade (starting at Souths Juniors). My elderly neighbours tell me they relied on that parking to access South Juniors, which was a place they could meet many of their friends and socialise. Being very elderly, they rely on being transported by car and have short distances to walk to access facilities.
- Loss of public green space – the length of Anzac Parade previously had a mix of green space or combination of green space and parking, which created shade in summer and homes for wildlife. The loss of trees has also turned our streets into wind tunnels in winter.

The vast amount of concrete will mean that there is no way to replant trees or restore the wildlife or reduce the negative impact of the concrete jungle we now living in.

- Environmental destruction – in addition to the general loss of green space, the light rail project is an environmental disaster, in that there has been miles of white reflective concrete laid. The impact of this immense amount of white reflective concrete had been intense heat reflecting off in summer and intense white light being reflected, this is almost unbearable in the height of summer. The streets are now full of pollution as there are no trees to filter the car exhaust pollution out of the air.
- Overall impact – the expense of this project and the immense negative environmental impact it has had is totally unjustifiable, as it will be cause permanent traffic congestion, as the tracks weave from one side of the road to the other. They block four lanes of traffic in some sections, which will destroy the access for those of us who travel to the city for work. It is already taking up to 1 hour 40 minutes to get to the city, in what was previously a 35 minute trip. We previously had a bus lane which made the journey simple and quick, this has now been lost to the light rail. This means that even those who don't live on a light rail route (so will NEVER) use it are having to live with the negative impact forever.
- The light rail is only replacing certain bus routes, so if you didn't take those bus routes before you won't take them now, therefore the majority of the population in our area is going to live with these negative impacts so that a few people can get to the football stadium, horse races and casino more easily.

Thank you for considering my Submission.

Yours sincerely,

This email was sent via Do Gooder, a website that allows people to contact you regarding issues they consider important.