

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

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

I am concerned that the Terms of Reference for this Inquiry are limited to the impact “on residents in the vicinity of the light rail route”. Even though I do not live on the route of the current light rail construction I am impacted because I travel to the city to my part-time job in a shop on George Street. The extremely long disruption to George Street has severely damaged businesses on that street.

I am also concerned about the impact on local business and communities along the light rail route as a result of the project.

My specific concerns follow:

The enormous cost to the people of NSW because of the cost blow out. The gross mismanagement of the project. The fact that we have light rail tracks in Sydney that are not compatible, e.g if I catch the light rail from Leichhardt I would have to change at Central and catch another light rail to Circular Quay. This will be an added expense to many people who already struggle to pay the high cost of Sydney public transport. Having to change at Central will also add unnecessary time to their journey.

The destruction of 19th century trees on Anzac Parade and Alison Road is extremely distressing and was totally unnecessary. We lost something precious there. I used to live at Randwick and when I travelled on the bus to and from the city I would think how fortunate we were to have that green corridor. Trees and parks are essential to the physical and mental well being to a city's population.

The choice of the light rail route should have been influenced by the need to save those precious trees and parkland. The planners should have put public transport first and not considered the interests of institutions that want to keep as many cars on the road as possible and should certainly not have been influenced by the Australian Jockey Club.

The many negative impacts on educational institutions such as the University of NSW and Sydney High – dust and noise being only two of them.

Thank you for considering my Submission.

Yours sincerely,

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